

## ACCEPTABLE USE STATEMENT FOR U18's INTERNET & SOCIAL MEDIA USE

The Ross Tennis Centre (RTC) Management Committee understands the importance of online communication for children's development, however safeguards are needed to ensure children remain safe whilst online or using social media.

All U18 members agree to the following conditions of membership:

- I will be responsible for my behaviour when using the internet and social media at RTC, and whilst involved in activities organised at RTC, including the content I access, and how I behave whilst online.
- I will not deliberately create, browse or access material that could be considered offensive, inappropriate, or illegal. If I accidentally come across such material, I will report this to one of the Coaches, or another adult. I understand my electronic devices may need to be temporarily confiscated if I am found to have deliberately looked at such material.
- I will not use social media or the internet to send anyone information, images or anything else which could hurt, threaten, offend, upset or bully someone else.
- I understand I should only use RTC social media or website for general information and I will not try to communicate with any members of staff or coaches.
- I will ensure messages I send to coaches/volunteers at RTC are about my tennis and nothing else.
- I understand all my internet and social media history can potentially be seen by everyone, and that any issues involving my online behaviour may be addressed by my coach or a RTC committee member.
- I will not give my name, age, address, or telephone number online, or the personal information of anyone else. I will not share my passwords with anyone else.
- I will not arrange to meet someone I have met online unless accompanied by my parent/carer.
- I will avoid using any electronic devices during tennis activities.
- I understand these rules are designed to keep me safe and if they are not followed my parent/carer will be contacted by the Welfare Officer at RTC.
- I know that if someone is abusing me or bullying me online, I can contact one of the RTC Welfare Officers: Val Davies 07515 939220 or Tricia Walker 07739 091321.
- I know I can contact Childline on 0800 1111 (24 hours a day), if I am worried about something I have seen or experienced while online.