

Policy 005 – Social Media Policy

Introduction

1. Wylam Tennis Club understand the importance of online communication for children's development. However we recognise that relevant safeguards need to be put in place to ensure children remain safe while online or using social media.
2. Parent/carers should explain this policy to their children.

Players (including children) should:

3. Be responsible for their behaviour when using the internet and social media at the club and whilst involved in activities / trips organised by the club, including the content they access and how they conduct themselves.
4. Not deliberately create, browse or access material that could be considered offensive, inappropriate or illegal. If players accidentally come across any such material, they will report this to the Tennis Coach.
5. Not use social media or the internet to send anyone data, images or other material which could be considered inappropriate, threatening, offensive, upsetting, bullying or illegal.
6. Ensure any messages they send to coaches, volunteers or other members are about tennis activity and nothing else.
7. Understand that all use of internet and social media is potentially visible to everyone and that any issues involving behaviour online may be addressed by my coach or committee members at the club.
8. Not give out any personal information (such as name, age, address or telephone number online), or that of anyone else.
9. Not share my passwords with anyone else.
10. Not arrange to meet someone that they have met online unless accompanied by a parent /guardian / carer.
11. Understand that these rules are designed to keep club members safe, and if they are not followed by children then their parent / guardian /carer may be contacted.
12. Avoid using mobiles, tablets or any devices during activities as they will have an impact on safety and opportunities to learn and achieve.
13. Be aware that if they are experiencing bullying behaviour or abuse online, they can contact Angela James (Club Welfare Officer).
14. Be aware that they can contact Childline on 0800 11 11 if they have any worries about something they have seen or experienced online.

Review

15. This Policy is reviewed every two years (or earlier if there is a change in national legislation).

This Policy was reviewed by Dan George (Club Secretary):

This Policy was approved by James Mackay (Club Chairman):