CHURCH & OSWALDTWISTLE CRICKET CLUB

E-SAFETY GUIDELINES ON COMMUNICATION AND INTERACTIVE TECHNOLOGIES

The internet, mobile phones, gaming, social networking and other interactive services offer opportunities to reach, communicate and engage with those involved in cricket. However, as with any environment there are also potential risks.

Church & Oswaldtwistle Cricket Club promotes safe and responsible use of communication and interactive communication technologies within the Club.

Potential risks may include:

- Bullying by peers and people they consider 'friends'
- Posting personal information that can identify and locate a child offline
- Sexual grooming, luring, exploitation and abuse contact with strangers
- Exposure to inappropriate and/or illegal content
- Involvement in making or distributing illegal or inappropriate content
- Theft of personal information
- Leaving and running away from home as a result of contacts made online
- Exposure to racist or hate material
- Encouragement of violent behaviour

In order to safeguard junior members within the Club and to avoid any misinterpretation of online activity by coaches/managers Church & Oswaldtwistle Cricket Club does not advocate social network contact between coaches/managers and children under 18.

All Club Members are expected to:

- Take responsibility for their own use of communication and interactive technologies, making sure they use new technologies safely, responsibly and legally within the context of cricket
- No communication device or service, including interactive communication services such as social networking may be used to bring the club, its members or cricket into disrepute
- No communication device or service, including interactive services such as social networking may be used for inappropriate behaviour online within the context of cricket including the bullying or harassment of others in any form,

defamation, obscene or abusive language, the uploading of material which is libelous, defamatory, obscene, illegal, shows nudity or is violent

- Report any known misuses of communication and interactive technologies within the context of cricket, including unacceptable behaviour, inappropriate contact with children online and illegal content including sexual abuse/indecent images of children, according to the relevant club and ECB safeguarding policies and procedures
- Be aware that any report of the misuse of communication and interactive technologies within the context of cricket will be investigated according to the club's policy and procedures and may result in the club's sanctions being enforced. Depending upon the seriousness of the incident legal action may be taken and where suspected criminal activity has taken place a report will be made to the police

In addition to the above club officers/coaches/age group team managers/volunteers will:

- Take responsibility for their professional reputation in the online environment, making sure they follow e-safety advice, adhere to privacy and safety settings and report any concerns in accordance with club and ECB policies and procedures
- Not ask for email addresses, mobile phone numbers or social networking profiles of junior members (less than 18 years of age) or search for junior members on social networking services/search engines without the prior consent of parents and in line with the club's policy on the use of information including emergency situations
- Not develop an online relationship with a young player with the intention of meeting them offline to engage in sexual activity. Sexual exploitation, including grooming a child under the age of 16 for the purpose of meeting to engage in sexual activity, is a serious criminal offence
- Not view, possess, make or distribute sexual abuse/indecent images of children. This is a serious criminal offence

If you have any concern about the use of social networking sites please report the matter to the Club Welfare Officer, whose details are available on the Club website or notice board