



# **POLICY FOR E. SAFETY, COMMUNICATION AND INTERACTIVE TECHNOLOGIES**



## **All members and guests of the club will:**

- 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 libellous, 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 Ashley Cricket Club and ECB safeguarding policies and procedures.
- Need to 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 disciplinary procedures 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 and appointed 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.
- 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.

**For more information please contact the Club Welfare Officer**