



IVYBRIDGE CRICKET CLUB

**Ground:
Filham Park
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IVYBRIDGE
PL21 0LE**

SOCIAL MEDIA POLICY STATEMENT

Social media (including personal and professional websites, blogs, chat rooms and bulletin boards; social networks, such as Facebook, LinkedIn, Twitter and My Space; video-sharing sites such as YouTube; and e-mail) are a common means of communication and self-expression.

It's essential that volunteers, members and players make informed decisions about how they use the internet, mobile phone and email communications to protect our club and our people.

Everyone involved in our club has the responsibility to safeguard both on and off the field, including communications.

It is the responsibility of all members to:-

1. Refrain from publishing comments about other clubs, players or referees and any controversial or potentially inflammatory subjects.
2. Avoid hostile or harassing communications in any posts or other online communications. Harassment is any offensive conduct based on a person's race, sex, gender identity, national origin, colour, disability, age sexual orientation, veteran status, marital status, religion or any other status protected by law.
3. Identify all copyrighted or borrowed material with citations and links. When publishing direct paraphrased quotes, thoughts, ideas, photos or videos, give credit to the original publisher or author.

The club will be responsible for reviewing responses to online posts and resolving any concerns before they are posted.

If you suspect that someone is using social media in an unsafe or inappropriate manner you should report their behaviour to the Club Welfare Officer (Nik Dunn) in the first instance.

Whether the use of social media is unsafe or inappropriate will be determined based on the ECB Guidance for clubs on the use of Social Media, texts and email published in June 2013 and available at <https://pulse-static-files.s3.amazonaws.com/ecb/document/2017/07/11/1e4078e8-9453-4e1a-aeff-464a7ed98ca3/22.-ECB-Guidance-for-clubs-on-the-use-of-Social-Media-texts-and-email.pdf>.

**Jon Sparkes
Hon. Treasurer**

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