



## OD Cuaco CC CLUB E-SAFETY POLICY

The Club follows ECB Safety Guidelines on Communication and Interactive Technologies.

All members and guests of the Club will ensure:

- That they take responsibility for their own use of communication and interactive technologies, using them 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 to the Club Welfare Officer, 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
- 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 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.

### ADDITIONAL E-SAFETY FOR TEAM MANAGERS/COACHES

- Team Managers and Coaches can use social media to inform young players aged 15 and above about upcoming cricket events, in line with the club's policy on the use of information including emergency situations.
- Parental consent is required for young players to join Club social networking groups.
- You must 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
- Avoid asking for personal details online including home and email address, name of school, mobile numbers and so on. If you are promoting an event online it is advisable to provide details of the event and then direct users to where they can obtain further information offline.

- “Think before you post” applies to all content, including messages, videos and photos.
- **Protect your own privacy online.** Be aware of the risks in posting and sharing content which may damage your professional reputation. Use privacy and safety settings to manage ‘who sees what’ and who the user wishes to interact and share photos and other information with
- Beware of fake, or imposter, profiles of well known sports or celebrity people. Sometimes this is intended to be fun. However, fake profiles can be set up by those with malicious intent to ridicule and harass. It can also be used to groom children by those seeking to gain a child’s trust and then attempt to meet them offline. Always check with a club or the ECB offline before adding or promoting a profile in the name of a well known sports person to your club’s profile or interactive service.

If you have any questions or concerns, contact Gail Caddy (Club Welfare Officer) and/or Andy Parker (Club Webmaster) in accordance with club and ECB policies and procedures.

For further information:

[www.nspcc.org.uk/Inform/cpsu/resources/briefings/social\\_networking\\_services\\_wdf69029.pdf](http://www.nspcc.org.uk/Inform/cpsu/resources/briefings/social_networking_services_wdf69029.pdf)) is produced by the NSPCC Child Protection in Sport Unit and provides further detail on social networking services and social media. It also helps with the safety implications for children and young people, volunteers and organisations.

Home Office Task Force on Child Protection and the Internet on Chat, Instant messaging, Web- Based services, Moderation, Safe search and social networking services. Available on at [www.dcsf.gov.uk/ukccis](http://www.dcsf.gov.uk/ukccis)

“Keeping your personal information personal” – a guide to the Data Protection Act 1998 for Youth, including the use of social networking services [www.ico.gov.uk](http://www.ico.gov.uk)