

GUERNSEY SOFTBALL ASSOCIATION

SOCIAL MEDIA

The Guernsey Softball Association (the "GSA") recognises that the use of social networking sites is a rapidly growing phenomenon and is increasingly being used as the communication tool of choice by young people and adults.

While social networking can provide exciting opportunities for helping you engage with members and the public, it can also present a number of dangers and negative consequences if abused.

The GSA hereby announces that it has a 'Zero Tolerance' on any breaches

USAGE:

For all members/associates of the GSA using social media, such use:

- Must not contain libelous, defamatory or harassing content
- Must refrain from publishing comments about other clubs, players or umpires and any controversial subjects
- Must not comment on, or publish information that is confidential in any way
- Must not bring the GSA or the sport and any affiliated governing bodies into disrepute
- Must not be directly linked with any players aged 18 or below from a personal social networking account
- Must not otherwise be in breach of the GSA Codes of Conduct.

BREACHES OF USE:

Any person who believes that they have been the victims of inappropriate electronic communication should report the matter to the GSA President or any member of the GSA Executive Committee in writing along with any evidence that may assist the GSA President or GSA Executive Committee in investigating the concern.

The GSA President or GSA Executive Committee will undertake to investigate the concern at its discretion. Matters which are deemed by the Executive to be more serious in nature may be reported to the Police – should this be the case, this course of action will be reported to the individual or individuals concerned by the GSA President.

Non-compliance with the general outline above will result in disciplinary action for any violations – as outlined in the GSA Constitution and GSA Code of Conduct.

A rule of thumb is: "If you don't have something positive to say, then do not say anything at all."

RESPONSIBILITY:

As players and/or members of the GSA it is everyone's responsibility to implement this Policy.