

# Leicester Athena Volleyball Club

## Online Safety Guidelines

### Purpose

This document provides guidance on safer ways to use social networking and other online services. It is important that all members are aware of these guidelines and follow them at all times.

### Aims

Social media and other online apps are a great way of staying in touch and a fabulous way of promoting the club, but with these opportunities come risks.

The aims of the guidance is:

- To protect all members of Leicester Athena Volleyball Club, with particular emphasis on children and young people, who make use of technology (such as mobiles phones, games consoles/hand held devices and the internet) whilst they are within the care of the club.
- To provide staff and volunteers with policy and procedure information regarding e-safety.
- To ensure the club/organisation is operating in line with their values and within the law regarding how the organisation uses information technology.

### Quick Do's and Dont's

Do's	Dont's
Use the privacy settings available on most social media sites. Facebook has different 'set up' guidelines for U18s to help to keep you safe – use them	Post, host, text or email things that are hurtful, insulting, offensive, abusive, threatening, or racist. This goes against football rules and could also be against the law
Ensure you and your parents/carers know who from your club should be contacting you and how they should be doing this.	Give out personal details including mobile numbers, email addresses or social networking account access to people you don't know well offline
	Invite your coach, manager, club officials, adult referees or mentors to become your friends online even if you get on really well with them. They have been asked not to accept such invitations
	Say or do something online if you wouldn't do it face to-face



## **If you are ever made to feel uncomfortable ...**

- Tell an adult you trust about any communications that make you feel uncomfortable or that ask you not to tell your parent/carer;
- Talk to your club's Welfare Officer if you are unhappy about anything sent to you or said about you over the internet, social networking sites, text messages or via email;
- Tell an adult you trust if an adult involved at your club (or a referee) asks you to become their friend online. Also inform your Club Welfare Officer;
- If you receive an image or message you find offensive, threatening or upsetting, tell an adult you trust. Make sure you copy and save the image/message elsewhere – or print it off before you remove and destroy it. It may be needed as evidence;
- You can also report concerns directly to the police by [clicking here](#).

Based on [The FA's Online Safety Advice](#)

