



OLD BRISTOLIANS

Social Media Guidelines

Old Bristolians Rugby Football Club promotes the core values of Rugby Union:

- **Teamwork**
- **Respect**
- **Enjoyment**
- **Discipline**
- **Sportsmanship**

As such the information below covers the use of social media communications in light of these values and in relation to the game of rugby and membership of OBRFC.

These guidelines cover the use of internet sites such as Facebook, Bebo and Twitter.

We expect all young people and adults to be responsible users and to heed advice on how to stay safe whilst using the internet and other communications technologies (eg iphones) for educational, personal and recreational use.

OBRFC supports the age recommendations of all major social networking sites. (eg. Facebook recommends members should be 13 or over.)

Members must understand that they are responsible for their actions when using social media to communicate with or about other club members.

Players and parents need to understand that the club reserves the right to take action against them if they are involved in incidents of inappropriate behaviour that bring the club's name into disrepute. (examples would be cyber bullying or use of images or personal information of other club members to cause hurt.)

Any reported incidents will be investigated as thoroughly as possible.

Where members have been found to be in breach of these guidelines they will be subject to disciplinary action. This may include suspension from training and playing.

In any case where behaviour is repeated or deemed very serious, expulsion from the club will be considered.

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