



Social Media Policy

Bury Rounders is dedicated to ensuring that this document is as accurate and up to date as possible; if you feel that there is anything that could be changed please do not hesitate to let us know.

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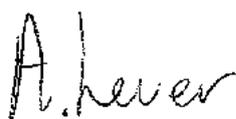
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Forward

Bury Rounders is a growing sports organisation working towards increasing the participation rates within the sport and is committed to creating greater opportunities for the players, referees, committee and other participants. Sports have had and is a great influence on the way people live and can improve social inclusion. Bury Rounders are committed to instil these values in to game and promoted throughout the League. Most importantly we place the welfare of are teams, players and volunteers a priority. This will ensure a safe and enjoyable environment for all. This Document is here to recognise young people and adult's participating in Bury Rounders deserve to feel safe at all times and have a responsible adult they can contact if they have any concerns about their own safety, or that of others (within or outside Rounders). Bury Rounders is updating the procedures in how we communicate with the Clubs of the League, to ensure all the members are aware of all the policies, laws and legislations and the standards they and we all should be meeting. In the creation of this document it has been noted that it is not the responsibility of those individuals working in Rounders to determine if abuse has taken place, but it is their responsibility to act upon and report any concerns. This document should be used as a guide for how to act within any situations where concerns arise and includes contacts for relevant other organisations where information needs to be passed on.

Please note that if you are found to be in breach or braking one of the rules, policies or procedures. You and/or your team will be facing disciplinary action from the Bury Rounders Committee/Disciplinary panel which could lead to your expulsion form the League. Along with this all information will be passed on to the local authority, depending on which policy is broken.

Arron Lever

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "A. Lever". The signature is written in a cursive style with a large initial 'A'.

Welfare Officer
Bury Rounders

What is Social Media?

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.

What Bury Rounders says about Social Media?

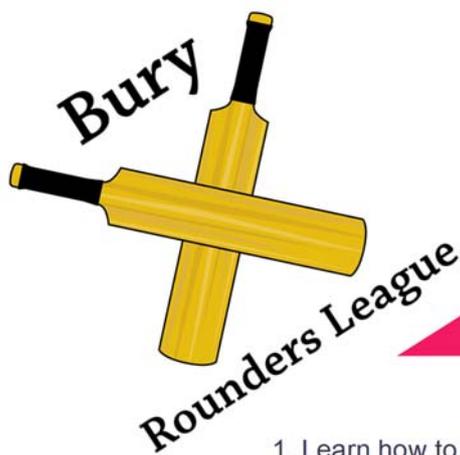
It's essential that volunteers, members and players make informed decisions about how they use the internet, mobile phone and email communications to protect our club, league and our people.

Everyone involved in Bury Rounders has the responsibility to safeguard both on and off the field/pitch/court, including communications. (for more information see the Social Media Safety Check List Appendix 1)

It is the responsibility of all members to:-

1. Refrain from publishing comments about other clubs, players, referees or the committee 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. Clubs should 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.
4. The club will be responsible for reviewing responses to online posts and resolving any concerns before they are posted.

Appendix 1 (see next page)



Social Media Safety Checklist

1. Learn how to use your social media channels properly, understand the privacy and Security settings and familiarise yourself with the terms of service. (These will provide Recommendations of what is acceptable and unacceptable behaviour).
2. Make a plan: decide how your club profile will be managed, who will manage and review Content and what can be added and when.
3. Make a social media safety policy and make sure everyone is aware of the need to follow it and protect their own privacy online.

4. Club contact information: add information about how to contact your club such as a website address and, if available, online contact details for your club. You should include any association with a sports association or NGB to allow users to contact your club directly and verify you online. . (seek BRL management approval before the BRL logo is used)
5. Link to safety and help organisations, such as <http://www.thinkuknow.co.uk/>. This site provides some tips on how you can keep children and youth safe online.
6. Choose an appropriate e-mail address. Use an official club email address rather than a personal to set up your account.

7. Take care when promoting sports events and competitions where information about users, including children and young people is collected.
8. Think before you post! Never post comments that are abusive or may cause offence to either individuals or groups of society.
9. Set an appropriate privacy level considering your target audience and who you wish to see the content.
10. Consider your audience: check the age of users before engaging with them. The minimum age for most social media services is 13 years old. Report underage users to the service provider.
11. Select the option to moderate and approve comments before they appear on your profile.

12. Ensure you have effective and updated antivirus/antispyware software and firewall running before you go online.
13. Keep your log-in details secure within your club to reduce the risk of your webpage/prole being hacked. Use strong passwords combining, alpha, numeric and non-alphanumeric characters- Club-house123.