



# BURY ROUNDERS SAFEGUARDING INITIATIVE



## Social Media (E-Safety)

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### POLICY AND PROCEDURES

Bury Rounders League  
SAFEGUARDING | MANAGEMENT COMMITTEE

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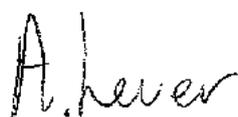
## BRSI Foreword

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.

## Social Media Foreword

This policy provides guidance on the procedures that will support and underpin the use of social media and other online services within your team. It is important that all Participants or anyone working on behalf of the team are aware of this policy and agree to the terms outlined.

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 Coordinator

Bury Rounders Management Committee

## Aims:

- To protect all participants in Bury Rounders who make use of technology (such as mobiles phones, games consoles/hand held devices and the internet).
- To provide all with information regarding online safety.
- To ensure that Teams are operating in line with their values of Bury Rounders and within the law regarding how the organisation uses information technology.

## What is Social Media?

Social media (including personal and professional websites, blogs, chat rooms and bulletin boards; social networks, such as Facebook, LinkedIn, Twitter, Instagram and My Space; video-sharing sites such as YouTube; and Communication methods such as e-mail, Messenger, Snap Chat) 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

## It is the responsibility of all members to;

1. Refrain from publishing comments about other clubs, players or referees 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 team will be responsible for reviewing responses to online posts and resolving any concerns before they are posted.

If anyone, I fund to be in breach of this policy they will be subject to disciplinary.

## Online Safety Checklist (from CPSU)

1. Understand the safety aspects including what is acceptable and unacceptable behavior when using digital technology such as social media sites (e.g. Twitter and Facebook), apps, mobile phones, game consoles and the internet.
2. When engaging with digital technology/social media companies (e.g. Facebook, Twitter or Instagram) it is important to ensure that they adhere to relevant legislation and good practice guidelines.
3. Regularly review existing safeguarding policies and procedures to ensure that online safeguarding issues are fully integrated including:
  - a. reporting online concerns about possible abuse
  - b. reporting other breaches of procedures and codes of conduct
4. Decide how your sports webpage/profile will be managed within your club/organisation
  - a. vetting and managing the webpage/profile
  - b. training for the person/s managing the organisation's online profile
  - c. involvement from your club's/organisation's designated safeguarding lead person
  - d. ensure any interactive content is moderated by someone trained to be aware of safeguarding issues, e.g. club social media page/discussion forums.
5. Registration or 'signing up' to your sports club/organisation:
  - a. choose an appropriate email address to register/set up a profile/account
  - b. ensure appropriate security settings are set up to store personal information
6. Ensure that adequate privacy settings are in place either restricting or allowing access to photos, personal information, comments about others, friends and followers.
7. Ensure that staff and volunteers, including coaches and athletes, are aware of the need to protect their privacy online. Staff and volunteers should be encouraged by the club/organisation to carefully consider who they give access to their personal information online. All staff and volunteers should ensure that a clear differentiation between their personal and professional profiles.
8. Address safety when adding content to your webpage/profile:
  - a. sports contact details
    - i. promote your sports webpage/profile
    - ii. promote safe and responsible use
  - b. avoid taking personal details of children and young people
  - c. when uploading content – 'think before you post'
  - d. report fake or impostor webpage/profiles.
9. Address safeguarding when promoting the sport, organisation, events and competitions.