



WATERBEACH COLTS FOOTBALL CLUB

Established 2002

Affiliated to Cambridgeshire Football Association

Social Media Policy

Waterbeach Colts Football Club is committed to the safeguarding and welfare of ALL involved with the club in any capacity. The club has an excellent reputation and this is something which must be preserved. Any behaviour deemed to be damaging to the reputation of the club or individual will be dealt with accordingly.

This policy aims to ensure children, young people, coaches, referees and adults in a position of trust are not subjected to improper online behaviour or improper allegations. It is a breach to post on any social media platform which may be perceived as:

- Offensive;
- Malicious
- Libellous
- Insulting;
- Abusive;
- Threatening;
- Racist;
- Discriminatory;
- Any other reference that may cause offence or harm to others.

Although the club cannot prevent personal contact between individuals by such means, it is advised that it is not used to post comments about the club, in particular between adults and children who are protected under safeguarding and welfare policies.

Waterbeach Colts Football Club will take a Zero Tolerance approach to any such behaviour and will take the following steps should any such activity come to light:

- Suspend any coach or player pending further investigation.
- Seek further advice from Cambridgeshire Football Association as required.
- Ban any coach, player, parent/guardian or sibling who has been found to take part in such activity.
- Inform the Police as required in extreme cases.

Children and young people should always tell an adult they trust about communications that make them feel uncomfortable or where they've been asked not to tell their parent/guardian about the communication.

Anyone receiving or made aware any comments or actions considered to be damaging to individuals or the club should inform the Committee who will deal with such issues, in accordance with the WCFC Complaints & Disciplinary policy.

For more advice on staying safe online visit [ThinkUKnow.co.uk](https://www.thinkuknow.co.uk)