



Smallfield Junior Football Club Media Policy

The following guidance is to support Smallfield Junior Football Club to manage its safeguarding responsibilities effectively. It 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.

Clubs and leagues are responsible for ensuring all content hosted on their websites, social network areas, and any associated message boards or blogs abides by the Rules and Regulations of The Football Association.

THE RULES:

It is against FA rules to post comments that are or may be perceived as:

- Offensive.
- Insulting.
- Abusive.
- Threatening.
- Racist.
- Discriminatory.
- Any other reference that may cause offense or harm to others.

Any such comment made on club or league websites and/or social networking sites regarding match officials may result in disciplinary action being taken in line with The FA's disciplinary policies and procedures.

Comments made on websites that are threatening, abusive or racist could lead to legal action being taken against those responsible for posting or hosting them.

Comments made may attract libel claims and legal action through the civil courts if they are untrue or defamatory.

Children and young people should be advised by their coaches, parents/carers, and Club Welfare Officer to always tell an adult they trust about communications that make them feel uncomfortable or where they've been asked not to tell their parents/carer about the communication.