

Surf Life Saving Association of Wales - Appendix 13
Acceptable Use of Social Media Policy

We understand the importance of online communication for children's and young people's development. However, we recognise that relevant safeguards need to be put in place to ensure children and young people remain safe while online or using social media.
We ask that all parents / carers spend a few minutes to read through and discuss this statement with their child / children.

Expectation of Child or Young Person

- I am aware that Coaches, Members and Volunteers who hold a role in a position of trust should never add, follow or interact with children in their organisation on any personal social media accounts.
- I understand that SLSA Wales has a strict policy on social media behaviour that sets out how we expect children and adults to behave, including online.
- I understand that I should only use the club's (or organisation's) official social media or website communication channels to contact them and should not seek out individual members of staff or coaches.
- I will be responsible for my behaviour when using my phone at the sports club, including the content I access and how I conduct myself.
- I will not take my phone into changing areas and knowingly take pictures of videos of other club members or members of SLSA Wales.
- I will not deliberately create material that could be considered offensive or illegal. If I come across any such material that I feel a coach or senior member of my club should be made aware of I'll let them know.
- I will not use social media or the internet to send anyone material that could be considered threatening, offensive, upsetting, bullying or that is illegal.
- I understand that all my use of internet and social media is potentially visible to everyone and that any issues involving my behaviour online may be addressed by my coach or other staff members at the club.
- I will not give out any of my personal information (such as name, age, address or telephone number) online, or that of anyone else.
- I will not share my passwords with anyone else.
- I will not arrange to meet someone that I have met online unless accompanied by a member of staff or parent.

Agreement of child or young person

- I understand that these rules are designed to keep me safe, and if they are not followed my parents may be contacted to discuss this with my club Safeguarding Officer.
- I will avoid using my mobile phone during club activities as I understand that it will have an impact on my safety and my opportunity to learn and achieve.



- I am aware that if I am experiencing bullying behaviour or abuse online, I can contact my Club Safeguarding Officer
- I know I can contact Childline on **0800 11 11** or at [childline.org.uk](https://www.childline.org.uk) if I have any worries about something I've seen or experienced online.

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