



## Social Media Policy

The Maryhill Football Club (MFC) recognises the power of social media as a format in which to debate issues and keep followers up to date.

The internet and mobile based social networking sites such as Facebook, X, Instagram, what's App, Snapchat and any other such current or future similar platforms are increasingly popular and the MFC is keen to ensure that it's Officials, Members, Volunteers and Staff remain protected in what is a very open and public platform to share information and images.

The MFC acknowledges that these platforms offer individuals a way of sharing their insights, expressing their opinions, and communicating in a global environment. When individuals make such statements or opinions, that individual is legally responsible for those opinions and should be aware that they are personally responsible for any commentary deemed to be defamatory, obscene, discriminatory, proprietary, or libelous. Caution should therefore be exercised regarding any derogatory, discriminatory or bullying remarks or characterisations, copyright material, exaggeration or obscenity.

The MFC is not responsible for any comments or other actions undertaken by an Official, Member, Volunteers or Staff made on any social media platform. Such actions is at their own risk and any legal action undertaken by a third party regarding any such postings shall be against the individual personally responsible for the postings.

To avert any potential problems or potential disciplinary action, the MFC recommends that Officials, Members, Volunteers and staff adhere to the guidelines listed below when using social media.

- a. Avoid commenting on any matters relating to match officials.
- b. Avoid making an instant comment. Take time to think!
- c. Avoid being critical of those who hold positions of authority within football.
- d. Others may publish comments made by you without your consent as the comments are deemed to be in the public domain.
- e. Be sure of the accuracy and legitimacy of your comments.
- f. If you're unsure whether a post may be controversial, then don't post it.
- g. Any comment made online reflects upon you and possibly impact on the reputation of your Club and the League.
- h. Comments or photos placed online make an indelible impression. You may think that you've deleted it, but it will be recorded and remain accessible.

Social Media has many benefits when used correctly. It is a great way to keep in touch with other clubs, supporters, players, and friends and can raise the profile of our Club and of the League.