

SOCIAL MEDIA AND NETWORKING POLICY

Policy Title:	Social Media and Networking
Policy Type:	Risk Management

The WPC Cricket Committee acknowledges that the use of social networking sites is increasing significantly to the point where it is recognized that a large number of players within the MSW Zone and QSDCA are operating Facebook pages and/or twitter accounts. Additionally the club has its own Facebook page.

With the increase in the use of these type of networking sites by players, there have been examples where inappropriate comments about players' abilities, coaches' management styles of teams and representative team selections has occurred.

The WPC Cricket Committee considers that the use of social networking sites for this type of communication is unacceptable and has developed this policy to assist in giving players, parents and administrators guidance as to how these sites should and should not be used.

The WPC Cricket Committee in line with the respective Codes of Behaviour (Cricket Australia, Queensland Sub Districts and Metropolitan South West Cricket Associations) supports the statement that all players, coaches and administrators should be treated fairly and that no person should be bullied or be taken an unfair advantage of.

The WPC Cricket Committee has implemented the following rules relating to the use of social networking sites:

- No player, parent, coach or administrator shall use any social networking site for any purpose which is in contravention of the Cricket Australia, Queensland Sub Districts and Metropolitan South West Cricket Associations Codes of Behaviour.
- Any player who uses any social networking site for any purpose who in the opinion of the WPCCC committee is in breach of the Code of Behaviour may face disciplinary sanction.

The Facebook Administrator will provide accountability and control over material published on the club Facebook page. Abusive, discriminatory, intimidating or offensive statements will not be tolerated. Offending posts will be removed and those responsible will be blocked from the site.