

Appropriate use of Social Media

Match Officials



- Many Match Officials have social media accounts.
- When posting on social media, ensure that you are:
 - Respectful and positive, treating others as you wish to be treated.
 - Remember that anything published on the internet is permanent and information travels fast and easily
 - Be in the right state of mind when writing a post and not when you're angry or upset.
 - Be responsible for what is written and uphold the positive image of the game.
- Always remember that you are representing the FAW and your Area Association, whether you are on the field of play officiating or on social media.



- All participants in football are subject to the FAW's Social Media Regulations, including match officials.
- Therefore, you should ensure that any post does not:
 - Imply bias
 - Question an individuals integrity
 - Is personal, offensive or discriminatory
 - Bring the game into disrepute



- Posts do not have to relate to Welsh Football. It includes any football in any country e.g. the English Premier League, the English Football League, the Scottish Premier League, UEFA Champions League, etc.
- Furthermore, posts do not have to be specifically about football and could be about anything to breach the FAW's Social Media Regulations.
- Posts may include:
 - Written statements;
 - Pictures;
 - Videos;
 - Emojis
 - Sharing another person or organisations post



- If you receive any abuse yourself from players or club officials then please report this to the FAW or Area Association.
- You can do this by emailing discipline@faw.co.uk or by emailing your Area Association.
- CWFA – Dylan Griffiths - dylancwfa@gmail.com
- GCFA - Alan Watkins - alanwatkins@gwentfa.co.uk
- NEWFA - Dave Fawkes - gensecnewfa@gmail.com
- NWCFA – Merfyn Edmunds - referees.nwcfa@gmail.com
- SWFA - Geoff Buckingham discipline@southwalesfa.co.uk
- WWFA – Roger Upward - roger.wwfa@hotmail.com & David Rees david.rees1@btinternet.com

