



FACEBOOK –SOCIAL MEDIA POLICY



WHAT WE ASK OUR MEMBERS TO DO

When using technology based forums Baseball WA and Southern Hills Charter members are expected to use the internet and electronic communication appropriately following the below rules and recommendations.

Rules

- (i) Communication should not offend, intimidate, humiliate or bully any member of the Baseball WA community and its subsequent clubs / associations. This includes the WA Scorers and WA Umpires Associations.
- (ii) Communication must not be misleading, false or injure the reputation of members or others.
- (iii) Communication should seek to protect the privacy of members and others.
- (iv) Communication must not bring the sport or Baseball WA and its associated clubs into disrepute.
- (v) Members should not engage in negative or destructive discussions or postings.
- (vi) Abusive, harassing, discriminatory or offensive communication should not be posted.

Recommendations

- (i) Do not use personal information of yourself in any social media channel.
- (ii) Use your best judgment.
- (iii) Refrain from posting/writing if you're feeling emotional or upset or are intoxicated.
- (iv) Always ask for a person's permission before posting their picture on a social networking forum.
- (v) Never comment on rumours, do not deny or affirm them or speculate about rumours.
- (vi) Only use social media channels to promote the sport/club in a positive light.
- (vii) If you feel you have been vilified on a Baseball WA related matter through social media then you're encouraged to contact the Baseball WA front office.

Non-Compliant Members

Baseball WA treats the misuse of social media as a serious breach and as such noncompliant members may be subject to the following disciplinary measures:

- (i) Any Baseball WA member found to have clearly broken one of the above mentioned rules may face disciplinary action as outlined in our Anti-vilification and Anti-harassment policies and immediately banned from posting on Baseball WA related pages.
- (ii) Any Baseball WA member found to have clearly broken one of the above mentioned rules may be asked to front questioning from the Baseball WA board and face subsequent disciplinary action.

Members publishing false or misleading comments about another person in the public domain may also be liable for defamation and face charges