

MAGPIES JUNIOR FOOTBALL CLUB



Magpies Junior Football Club – Policy on the use of Electronic Communication including Social Media

Electronic Communication

The Magpies Junior Football Club, in line with AFL NSW/ACT, recognises the growing reliance on information technology and the internet for communication within the Australian football community.

Electronic communication such as email, instant messaging, text message, phone messages, digital images and social media (including Facebook, Twitter, Flickr, YouTube, MySpace and blogs) are now all vital parts of communication for community football leagues clubs and their members.

When used appropriately, these modes of communication offer effective and efficient ways to share information easily, often in fun and novel ways, which helps save time and effort for volunteers and administrators.

Inappropriate Use of Electronic Communication

Due to a number of factors, electronic communication can sometimes lead to anti-social, inappropriate, and illegal behaviour and activity. When such negative behaviour or activity occurs within the context of a football community, the outcome can be devastating to a football league, club or individual.

Inappropriate use of electronic communication within the football environment includes, but is not limited to, making or posting inappropriate comments against players, clubs, club officials, match officials or leagues which is hurtful, discriminatory or offensive in nature.

The Magpies Juniors Football Club stipulates that inappropriate use of electronic communication will not be tolerated and can be subject to disciplinary action by its committee. This may include suspension of players who are found to be in breach of the Code of Conduct via electronic means.

Guidelines

Where you feel that you may have been the victim of inappropriate electronic communication you may report the matter via your coach/manager or directly to a member of the committee. Any evidence (such as printouts) of the offending material should also be provided if possible.

The committee will then investigate the matter and, upon investigation, has the power to either deal with the matter itself or refer the matter to an Independent Tribunal or Conduct Committee. Where the complaint relates to a member of another club the matter will be referred to the President of that club.

Matters which are perceived to be more serious may be reported to police.

