

### **Dingley Football Netball Club**

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## **Club Policy - Social Media.**

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#### **Purpose**

As a part of the AFL's risk management process, The AFL requires the Dingley Football Netball Club to establish a social media policy. The Dingley Football Netball Club recognises the importance of social media as a tool for engaging its supporter base. This policy is designed to protect the interests and reputation of the Dingley Football Netball Club, the AFL and its stakeholders by ensuring directors, administrators, football department staff and players are equipped with the requisite knowledge and skills to appropriately use social media. The Dingley Football Netball Club Social Media Policy includes, but is not limited to, the use of Twitter, Facebook, YouTube, blogs, websites and any other public online forum. This policy applies to full time staff, part time staff, casual staff, players, directors, contractors and volunteers. The Club is not seeking to restrict your use of social media but to create clear lines between private and Club material and set guidelines where material relates to the Club. General Guidelines

- Only authorised people may speak on behalf of the Dingley Football Netball Club. Staff that
  wish to express or transmit Club material need to seek approval through the Club's
  Executive.
- Those who wish to express any reference in relation to the Dingley Football Netball Club or any other related issues must also have their social media accounts authorised by the club's media department and complete the Club's social media induction/training. Specific guidelines for authorised users
- The AFL have clear positions in relation to Respect and Responsibility and Gaming which much be considered in any communications.
- Club Information must be released through the Dingley Football Netball Club's official Club social media accounts before others can publish such information through their individual accounts.
- Social Media should not be used for the posting or exchanging information that has the
  potential to embarrass or bring the Dingley Football Netball Club or its related parties into
  disrepute.
- Social Media should not be used for communicating confidential or competitively/commercially sensitive information without express permission of the Dingley Football Netball Club.
- Social Media should not be used for the posting of photos of Dingley Football Netball Club events or individuals (including stakeholders) without the permission of the Dingley Football Netball Club.
- When using social media and where possible, identify yourself and state that any opinions
  are yours and do not represent those of the Dingley Football Netball Club.

The Club has the right to access any data lists you accumulate whilst working at the Dingley Football Netball Club. The Club is bound by the Telstra Agreement which gives Telstra exclusive and first



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access to any online content that contains any Club intellectual property. In accordance with this agreement, any communication should, where possible, direct people to the Club's website for information.

#### **General Advice**

- Use common sense and good judgment. Your statements could have an impact on you and the Dingley Football Netball Club's reputation. Remember that what you post or publish will become public information.
- If you would not say something to a member of the media, do not publish it on any form of social media.
- You are accountable for your actions and what you communicate via social media.
- Directors, administrators, football department staff and players who are unsure whether or not they are authorised to publish opinions or views of the Dingley Football Netball Club should contact the Media Department. Please Note

The policy will be updated and reviewed regularly as new technology and platforms emerge.

Furthermore, as part of the induction process, employees, contractors and volunteers can request assistance in setting up social media so that appropriate levels of privacy are activated.

Dingley Football Netball Club. Executive Committee

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