



Tanunda Football Club Social Media Policy

Introduction

In an increasingly "Social" world, The Tanunda Football Club and all its members must adhere to the Social Networking Policy as described below to protect the players, officials and club members associated with our Club, including umpires and the wider football community.

Definitions

Any member using social networking sites such as Facebook, Twitter, Instagram, Snapchat and the like and YouTube (where video clips are uploaded) and the like may do so, however, comments, videos or accusations that can be deemed improper, intimidating, racist, sexist or degrading are strictly prohibited when the content involved is of an Australian Rules Football nature.

Comments or accusations that can be deemed improper, intimidating, racist, sexist or degrading may result in disciplinary action from the Tanunda Football Club, as well as fines and/or the requirement to attend an Independent Tribunal. Using the AFL's Reports and Tribunals regulations, behaviour, which is considered unacceptable, can be brought to the Tribunal even if the behaviour did not occur on the field and as long as an incident is Australian Rules Football related, then it falls under the jurisdiction of the Tribunal. This type of behaviour is unacceptable in Australian Rules Football at any level and will not be tolerated by the Tanunda Football Club or the Leagues governing body.

Under the Tanunda Football Clubs stance in relation to this policy, the Tanunda Football Club would like to make it very clear to its players, coaches, officials and club members, that you are responsible for your statements and actions unless written approval has been granted by the Club to make comment on a matter.

Any misuse of a social networking site on Australian Rules Football matters, which includes comments made about our Club, the League, an opposition player or club, club member, or official which can be deemed improper, intimidating, racist, sexist or degrading will not be tolerated and the Tanunda Football Club will have no hesitation in referring the matter to the Independent Tribunal. Breaches of this policy may also result in a player being suspended and required to attend counselling.

Tanunda Football Club will cooperate with any direction then given by the Tribunal concerning the matter. In addition, the Tanunda Football Club would remind its players, officials, club members and supporters that social networking postings whilst you may think they remain in a private domain can be seen by others and made public. No official internal club correspondence is to be communicated via social mediums listed above and no personal details of any member of the club, including players and officials is to be posted on any social medium. Some people recognize the harm and distress this type of behaviour can cause and can bring it to the attention of the Club or the League. Such comments could also lead to civil court proceedings being brought about by affected parties.

Signed:

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "Danny Westhoff", written over a horizontal line.

Club President
Mr Danny Westhoff

Signed:

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "Kristin Falkenberg", written over a horizontal line.

Club Secretary
Mrs Kristin Falkenberg

Date: 23/08/2018

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