



Highfield Rugby Football Club Youth Section Media and Social Media Policy

Underage player

- If you as an underage player*, receive an inappropriate message, call, photo or email via your phone or social media you have a duty of care to yourself your fellow players/club members to bring it to the attention of your **parents / guardians** and the **club child welfare officer (CWO)** who is currently **Stephen Byrne (@ 086-8109712)**.
- All reports will be treated **confidentially**.
- Failure to do so could have a serious detrimental effect to yourself and your club.

What I should do;

- a. If you receive an offensive photo, email or message;
 1. do not reply,
 2. save it,
 3. make a note of times and dates and
 4. tell a parent / guardian or the Club Child Welfare Officer.
- b. Be careful about who you give your number to and do not respond to unfamiliar numbers.
- c. Consider changing your phone number in cases of abuse, bullying or harassment, discuss this with your parents.
- d. Avoid using your phone in certain locations e.g. changing rooms – inappropriate use of a camera or phone may cause upset or offence to another person.
- e. Treat your phone as you would any other valuable item to guard against theft.

- ❖ *The scope of this policy applies to all social media forums (i.e. any mobile phone and computer based platform where members can create and share content including but not limited to Facebook, Twitter, Instagram, WhatsApp, Snapchat, and Linked In) and accounts both existing at the time of its publication and that which may emerge over time.*
- ❖ **Underage player is a player under the age of 18 years.*
- ❖ *The full club Social Media Policy is available on the club website.*