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## **Re: Social Networking Websites**

The Referees' Department of The Football Association has highlighted the potential problems concerning the use of Social Networking Websites. It is appropriate now to remind clubs, leagues and competitions of their responsibilities. These sites have become a part of everyday life and are accessed by people from all walks of life. It is an individual's right to use such sites as they wish, within the bounds of legal acceptability.

However the use of these sites to pass adverse or unacceptable comments on member clubs, Leagues, Competitions, match officials, and players, The FA or the County FA carries the same restrictions as any other printed or published matter.

Please make sure that everyone in a position of responsibility within your club, league or competition – this includes players, managers and match day helpers – is aware that any unacceptable postings will be treated as comment by the person's club. This could lead to disciplinary action taken against the player, Clubs, League or Competition by the County Association. If any comments are seen to bring the Game into disrepute The Wiltshire County Football Association will take action as per Rule 7(a)(x) Bringing the game into Disrepute (page 51 of the County FA Handbook).

Please ensure that your members think carefully before posting on such sites. The Wiltshire Football Association has a proud reputation and it must not be tarnished by mindless acts.

Yours Sincerely

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Mike Benson', with a horizontal line underneath.

Mr M G Benson  
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