

# Andover Swimming and Water Polo Club

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## Facebook and Social Networking policy for Parents and Swimmers over 13 Years old

### 1. BACKGROUND

**1.1** ASWPC recognises that the use of networking sites is a growing phenomenon and is increasingly used as a communication tool choice by young people and more recently by adults.

**1.2** With the development of our own Facebook page, it has highlighted that whilst these technologies provide exciting opportunities, they are accompanied by dangers and negative consequences, if abused by users.

**1.3** This policy will set down guidelines for acceptable use, not only for our own Facebook page, but all on-line social networking communications as they relate to ASWPC.

### 2. TECHNOLOGIES

**2.1** This policy includes (but is not limited to) the undernoted technologies:-

- Personal blogs/websites
- Twitter
- Facebook
- My Space
- Bebo
- You Tube
- Instagram
- Snapchat
- Tumblr
- Flickr
- And any other social networking sites

### 3. ACCEPTABLE USE

**3.1** The following rules must be adhered to by all users:-

#### **3.2.** Safety

- i) You or your child will **not** bully, intimidate, or harass any user.
- ii) You or your child will **not** post any photographs, videos or make comments that may be hurtful, untrue and upsetting or may be used by other people in a way you did not intend or want.
- iii) You or your child will **not** post content that is hateful, threatening, or pornographic;

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incites violence; or contains nudity or graphic or gratuitous violence.

### 3.3. Protecting Other People's Rights

- i) We respect other people's rights, and expect you to do the same.
- ii) You or your child will **not** write any derogatory, humiliate or offensive comments in relation to ASWPC or any other swimming club.
- iii) You or your child will **not** post comments criticising or verbally abusing swimmers, coaches, officials or Members of ASWPC or any other swimming Club.
- iii) You or your child will **not** post photographs on the ASWPC Facebook page as you may be in breach of the Club's Photography Policy. This is an information sharing facility only and does not replace the ASWPC website.
- iii) You or your child will **not** post content or take any action on ASWPC Swimming Club Facebook that infringes or violates someone else's rights or otherwise violates the law.

### 3.4 ASWPC Facebook Registration

- i) You will **not** provide any false information to ASWPC facebook, or create an account for anyone other than yourself without permission.
- ii) You will **not** allow your child to use ASWPC facebook if they are under 13 years of age.

### 3.5. Consequences of Actions

- i) All should be aware that posting messages, comments or any media on a social networking site that breaches the above requirements will breach the Code of Conduct.
- ii) Any individual found to be in breach of this Policy may face disciplinary action in accordance with the Club's Disciplinary Procedures.

## 4. MANAGEMENT OF ASWPC FACEBOOK PAGE

4.1 To ensure that the site is used in good spirit and to the benefit of the Club, ASWPC Facebook page will be managed monitored by The Welfare Officer, The Vice Chairman and PR Officer.

## 5. SOCIAL NETWORKING SERVICES, SOCIAL MEDIA AND SPORT: GUIDELINES FOR SAFEGUARDING CHILDREN AND YOUNG PEOPLE

5.1 ASA Child Protection Guidelines (Wave power) are available to download from the ASA website, [www.swimming.org](http://www.swimming.org)

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5.2 A user guide for parents and swimmers for Twitter, is available to view at [www.swimming.org](http://www.swimming.org).

## 6. WHAT TO DO IF YOU HAVE CONCERNS

6.1 As a user of a social networking site, whether you are a child or an adult, you may at some time have a concern about what you are seeing or being told about by another user.

6.2 The nature of these concerns may vary but should these concerns be connected to ASWPC then please contact:

- Child Protection Officer ASWPC
- Chairman ASWPC

6.3 Alternatively, depending on the nature of your concerns, a list of agencies that you can contact, anonymously if you wish, where you or your child can raise such concerns has been provided below:-

- Swimline Child Protection Helpline: 0808 100 4001
- [www.childnet.org.uk](http://www.childnet.org.uk) which is a NSPCC support service specifically for young people.
- [www.childline.org.uk](http://www.childline.org.uk) is another NSPCC support service. Using this website, children can talk confidentially to NSPCC advisors online.
- Stop It Now Freephone 0808 1000 900.
- The NSPCC helpline 0800 800 5000 or [www.nspcc.org.uk](http://www.nspcc.org.uk) for adults concerned about the welfare or safety of a child.
- The Internet Watch Foundation (IWF) [www.iwf.org.uk](http://www.iwf.org.uk) The IWF was established by the internet industry to provide a UK internet hotline which can be anonymous for the public and IT professionals to report criminal online content in a secure and confidential way.