



Social Networking

Netball South would like you to remind all of your athletes and affiliated members to be very careful when using social networking sites to post, "Like", Tweet or make detrimental or controversial comments about a match, any of the players or the officials.

Under the current Codes of Conduct for athletes (and duplicated throughout all other Codes of Conduct) it states:-

'I will not use Social Media technology to bring the game into disrepute or make an inappropriate comment about a fellow athlete, Coach, Official, volunteer or the National Governing Body.'

There have been instances recently, when athletes, officials and affiliated members have failed to realise that by 'tweeting, posting or liking' defamatory statements about another athlete, the opposition, the umpires or indeed anyone affiliated to Netball South they have put their views into the public domain and are, therefore, in breach of our Codes of Conduct. If the subject of the 'tweet or post' chooses to make an official complaint, this may result in Disciplinary proceedings, which can only lead to more unpleasantness and sanctions against the person/team/club making the tweet or post or indeed "liking" the comment.

None of us wants this to happen, which is why we are reminding you of this. Thank you in advance for your co-operation.