

Summary of Social Media Policy

Essex Athletics Association will base its policy on the Social Media Guidance document issued by UKA and England Athletics. A full document can be obtained from

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For the County the Welfare Officers are

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Social Media includes blogs, Twitter, Facebook, Instagram, YouTube and other websites whose user comments are an available feature.

These guidance notes apply to athletes, coaches, team managers, parents and officials.

The broad advice to all connected with the sport is USE SOCIAL MEDIA IN A POSITIVE, HELPFUL, CONSTRUCTIVE WAY.

Complaints following negative use could be investigated by welfare officers and lead to disciplinary action.

It is also strongly advised that social media is not used to communicate with under 18's.

Other useful contacts are:

Lead Safeguarding Officer - David Brown CBE dbrown@uka.org.uk or 07841 504 300.

For matters relating to bullying and club member conduct, in line with procedures should be reported to the Lead Welfare Officer for England Athletics:

Lead Welfare Officer - Jane Fylan jfylan@uka.org.uk 07803 671 975.