



Video Conferencing – Addition to Social Media Policy

As with all club activities it is essential that we ensure the safety of our players, online is no different.

If considering hosting any club related activity via an online video conferencing platform it is imperative that the following points are strictly applied and adhered to, to ensure the safety of the players, the coaches and the club. These are particularly important when dealing with the youth sections.

- Use of this form of coaching is above and beyond normal procedures and therefore requires explicit permission:
 - Discuss the idea with the appropriate person (Youth Coaches - refer to Youth Convenor, Senior Coaches to the Senior Committee). Outline the details of the session and the need for it, outline the suggested platform (Zoom, Microsoft Teams etc) and reasons for choosing this specific platform, research and be aware of any potential risks associated with each platform and ensure all available security protocols are in place (waiting room, secure email log in, passwords etc) Present all information for approval, including content and coaches involved.
 - Explicit parental consent (All underage players) – Each parent/guardian to receive an email briefly explaining the session, date, time, what coaches will be involved and request a reply as a form of consent – required before any youth member can be allowed access - this parental contact must come directly from the club and not from any individual coach. Parents should be encouraged to oversee the session and to ensure all safety protocols are being implemented at their side. The meeting invitation should be sent directly to parents/guardians email and not to members. Thus ensuring parental involvement.
- Committee may require additional safety procedures to be put in place depending on each individual session. These conditions are non negotiable and must be adhered to.
- Normal group coaching rules apply, at least 2 coaches required but due to the potential for internet connection drop outs 3 are preferred. Coaches must all be “live” prior to any player being accepted into the meeting.
- Codes of conduct – appropriate behaviour for coaches and players as would be expected in any training session.
- DO NOT RECORD. This is strictly forbidden in any form by any participant.