

Responsible Use of Social Media for Instructors

The following guidance is provided not as an obstacle, but to support EPiC Martial Arts & Fitness to manage its safeguarding responsibilities effectively. This aims to ensure children, young people, coaches and adults in a position of trust are not subjected to improper online behaviour or improper allegations.

The following is best practice in relation to social networking:

Do

- Have 1 account on social media in the name of the club, that is only used by named club members, parents and carers, solely to inform about EPiC Martial Arts & Fitness matters, training sessions, competitions and information.
- Ensure all the privacy settings are locked so that the page(s) are used explicitly for club matters and are not used as a place to share personal details or have private conversations.
- Have a nominated person within the club to monitor the social networking page regularly and remove access to anyone behaving inappropriately.
- Inform the Welfare & Safeguarding Officer Gary Locke, if you have received inappropriate communications online. Keep a record of any inappropriate, threatening or offensive material, as this may be needed as evidence.

Don't

Unless a child / young person is a direct relation, Instructors and club officials should not:

- Accept as a friend, students under the age of 18 on social networking sites they are members of, or share their own personal social networking sites.
- Make contact with children or young people known through Martial Arts, outside of the Martial Arts context on social networking sites.
- Use internet or web based communications to send personal messages of a non Martial Arts nature to a child or young person.
- Engage in any personal communications, 'banter' or comments.

For any further information or guidance, please contact WAKO GB regarding their social media policies.

