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Issued to: All Members

Re: Social Media Policy

The Management Committee has in the last year received multiple reports of social media posts from members & the general public. These have been submitted based on the perception, by the submitter, that the post(s) were inappropriate.

At the 2023 pre-season meeting we highlighted the need for all members to give careful consideration to the posts & interactions they have on social media. As a match official there is often an expectation from the wider cricketing community that you are neutral both off and on the field of play. Ultimately, your reputation, as a match official, could be damaged by something you post on social media. We sincerely wish to avoid such instances.

Following consultation with Cricket Scotland we have jointly determined that the CSMOA Social Media Policy cannot be effectively policed & serves as a distraction to the roles and responsibilities of the Management Committee. Quite often taking up vast amounts of volunteer time. Whilst at times causing conflict between members and the Management Committee (who are acting in the best interests of the organisation).

As such, with immediate effect the Social Media Policy is withdrawn & will no longer be referenced to. The Management Committee will no longer accept submissions of social media from any party whereby they consider the post to be inappropriate.

Where any person feels that a social media post by a member of CSMOA is inappropriate then it should be reported to the Conduct in Sport Manager at Cricket Scotland. It will be for Cricket Scotland to determine how to take the complaint forward.

CSMOA members are strongly urged to take due care and attention when posting on social media to avoid any potential complaints being lodged.

By taking the above action it will allow the Management Committee to better focus their attention on the role(s) that they have been elected by the members to carry out.

Yours in sport

CSMOA Management Committee