



Guidelines for Social Media Participation

These guidelines apply to all Glenmore Park Junior Rugby League Club Players, Committee Persons, Officials, Volunteers and parents who create or contribute to blogs, wikis, social networks, virtual worlds, or any other kind of Social Media. Whether you log into Instagram, Twitter, Yelp, Wikipedia, MySpace or Facebook pages, or comment on any online media stories – these guidelines are for you.

We expect everyone who participates in online commentary to understand and to follow these simple but important guidelines. These rules might sound strict but please keep in mind that our goal is simple: to participate online in a respectful way that protects and promotes all Glenmore Park Junior Rugby League Club participants, the Club's reputation and of course follows the letter and spirit of the law.

- 1 Posting should be family friendly and feature positive news. Do not post information in any format that may harm the reputation of any person or the reputation of Glenmore Park Rugby League Club
- 2 Never use public forum or social media outlet to criticise another participant. Abusive, discriminatory, intimidating or offensive statements will not be tolerated and any such communication or online content should be reported to the Rugby League Administrator immediately
- 3 Watch your language – avoid swear words and profanity and remember that your sense of humour may not be shared by others. You should not make comments based on religion, politics, sex, sexuality or racial issues
- 4 Remember that your comments can be seen by many and a comment is not easy to erase once you commit to making it public. It is important to note that persons who publish false or misleading comments about another person in the public domain may be liable for defamation.
- 5 When disagreeing with the opinion of others keep it appropriate and polite.
- 6 It is inappropriate for adult officials to communicate on a one on one basis with players under the age of 18 via social media outlets
- 7 Adult officials should not have players under the age of 18 years as their “friends” on social networking sites when the primary reason for the relationship is rugby league and they have a position of trust in relation to that young person
- 8 Officials should carefully consider what they post as some comments can be seen by friends of friends. This also applies to comments left on other people's pages and the sharing of photographs. Consider your position as a role model in this area
- 9 In the event of a player under the age of 18 yrs showing an official a text, instant message, image, email or posting that is considered to be inappropriate for a child to have, the official must inform the appropriate person whether that be the Club or Guardian of the minor
- 10 Treat others as you would like to be treated
- 11 Be smart about protecting yourself and your privacy. What you publish is widely accessible and will be around for a long time, so consider the content carefully. Google and Microsoft have long memories!
- 12 Glenmore Park Junior Rugby League Club participants who send inappropriate electronic communication or post inappropriate online content or comments regarding another Glenmore Park Junior Rugby League participant or any third party will be subject to disciplinary action by the Junior League Committee and the Glenmore Park Junior Rugby League Club executive
- 13 All Glenmore Park Brumbies team and age division Facebook pages require a nominated member of the Glenmore Park Junior Rugby League Committee to be provided with administrator access as advised by the Executive Committee