



## **EAST RENFREWSHIRE GOLF CLUB'S SOCIAL MEDIA AND DIGITAL COMMUNICATION - POLICY STATEMENT**

East Renfrewshire Golf Club understands the significant benefits of setting up and utilising social networking sites as the most direct forms of communication with children. This method of communication poses risks.

For the purposes of this policy a child is recognised as someone under the age of 16 years. This policy outlines East Renfrewshire Golf Club's commitment to ensure all adults working with children in golf adhere to best practice guidelines.

East Renfrewshire Golf Club **will:**

- advise all adults to communicate with children through group messages.
- highlight that coaches, staff, volunteers, parents, and members should always behave responsibly and respectfully in communications.
- advise that adults should not add or accept children as their "friend" on social networking sites.
- ensure that anyone interacting with a child on behalf of East Renfrewshire Golf Club via social networking sites does so only as a means to discuss golf.
- remind all those who are using social networking sites that these are restricted to people aged 13 years and over.
- ensure that both children and adults are aware of the procedures for reporting any concerns they have relating to online material. This will involve informing the Club in the first instance.

### **Review**

This policy and these procedures will be regularly reviewed:

- in accordance with changes in legislation and guidance on digital communication or following any changes within East Renfrewshire Golf Club.
- following any issue raised concerning digital communication.
- in all other circumstances, at least every three years.