Legacy Combat Academy - eCommunications policy

- The eCommunication policy refers to the expectations of all members of the club to engage appropriately in digital communication relating to the club and with fellow club members, including those under the age of 18. Digital communication refers to all communication made via mobile phones, text messages and instant messaging services, social media, chat rooms and any other non-face to face communication that may be deemed an 'eCommunication'.
- No adult member of the club should be friends on social media with anyone in the club who is under the age of 18 (with the exception of family links) or should be engaging in private digital communication (private messages, texts etc) as this would be deemed inappropriate. This also applies to direct messaging services provided through social media sites, e.g. Facebook messenger.
- Any digital communication between members of the club within the context of the club (I.e. club WhatsApp group) should always be mindful of the code of conduct and expectations of appropriate behaviour still apply - it is expected that members will be considerate of all those involved in these communications and that language and subject matter will not seek to upset, offend, belittle or be of inappropriate nature (e.g. offensive terminology, bullying-type behaviour, explicit language etc)
- The sanctions for not abiding by this policy may include being asked to leave training sessions temporarily or permanently with the final decisions being made by the safeguarding team. The safeguarding team will not hesitate to escalate situations further to the relevant authorities should they believe instances of dangerous or inappropriate eCommunication have occurred. This may include formal proceedings involving the police and/or child protective services.



Signed

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