

## Walterstown GFC Social Media Policy & Guidelines

All forums of Social Media should contain the following Disclaimer:

Walterstown GFC accepts no responsibility for the opinions expressed on this forum, which are those of the individuals expressing them, and do not necessarily, represent the view of Walterstown GFC and or the GAA.

The following applies to all forms of Social Media

### Guidelines for Posting Material

1. Think before you post.
2. Never disclose any confidential and or sensitive material.
3. Always review posts first, if they are external posts please review first, do not just re-post
4. If in doubt DO not post.
5. Make sure all posts are accurate and not misleading.
6. At all times be courteous and polite.
7. It's a Family Page and all information posted should always reflect this.
8. Do not use GAA logos, Material without permission.
9. Do not use any copyrighted material, logos etc.
10. Do not post pictures of Individuals without their permission.
11. Never post a picture of a minor with their name underneath.
12. All groups in the club, Senior, Juvenile and Ladies to get equal representation.

All Social Media Content should reflect to the GAA values

- Respect
- Community
- Teamwork
- Player Welfare
- Amateur Status
- Inclusiveness

### Our Comments Policy

This is an open form .We encourage you to get involved , However this is also a family friendly forum so we ask that you follow the following guidelines. Posts and comments that breach these rules will be removed

- We do not allow comments or submissions that are violent, sexually explicit, obscene, racist, abusive, hateful, defamatory, libellous or inappropriate.
- We do not allow comments that condone or suggest illegal activity

- We do not allow solicitations, advertisements, promotion or endorsements of unapproved products or services
- We do not allow posts relating to anyone's personal life.
- We do not allow posts reflecting political and or religious opinions or beliefs

## **Dealing with problems**

Do not get involved in or start a dispute online

If you happen to get involved in a dispute or argument online, leave a public post to say "this matter is being dealt with" and respond privately. Do not get involved in online debate

If there is a complaint about a post remove it immediately.

## **Administrator Rules & Protocols**

1. A no point shall any one person have sole administrator privileges to any Social Media forum.
2. The Club Chairman shall be deemed to "own" any page / site and will pass this on to any incoming Chairman.
3. The Club Chairman will appoint a group of club members and assign them administrator privileges.
4. Any member who breaches club policy can have their Administrator privileges removed.
5. Administrators shall respect each other's rights and or opinions and at all times be courteous and polite. They should endeavour to explain, via text, email, in person, why they carried out certain actions where other administrator's posts were removed and or edited.
6. A fellow administrator can never change another administrator's rights or privileges without the consent of the Chairman and the other administrators.
7. No Club Member of the club can, in future, set up any form of social media forum purporting to represent Walterstown GFC without the consent of the Club Chairman, Club Secretary, and Pro Officer.
8. Club members are permitted to set up **private** pages for teams on facebook for purposes of training times, match arrangements etc, but the page must be private. If a team has set up a public page they will be asked to change it.
9. Administrators shall agree to at all times, act in the best interests of the Club even if they personally disagree what they have been requested to do.
10. In relation to Match reports where certain coaches do not send in match reports to be published, that coach must nominate another

person in that age group to submit the match report, be that person another coach/ mentor in that group or the parent of a child in that group.

11. In certain circumstances editor privileges' will be granted to members outside of the PRO Committee, this person will only receive privileges' if agreed by the committee and can have their privileges revoked where club guidelines' are breached.

These Guidelines and recommendations were drawn up by and approved by the Social Media Committee for Walterstown GFC

The Members of this committee are:

Pat McMahon (Chairman), John Daly (Club Secretary), Kathleen Farrelly (Juvenile Club Secretary), Brian Farrell (Children's Welfare Officer), Niall Boland (Treasurer), Ian Reilly, & Ciaran Lydon