



NC United FC Mobile Phone & Device Use Policy

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1. Policy Statement

NC United Football Club recognises that mobile phones and digital devices are part of everyday life. However, the Club is committed to ensuring that their use does not compromise the safety, welfare, or dignity of children.

This policy sets out clear expectations for the safe and appropriate use of mobile phones and digital devices in connection with Club activities.

The welfare of the child is paramount.

2. Scope

This policy applies to:

- Players
- Parents and carers
- Coaches, volunteers, and team officials
- Committee members
- Spectators and visitors

It applies during:

- Training sessions
- Matches
- Tournaments
- Club-organised events
- Any online or digital communication connected to the Club

3. General Principles

- Mobile phones and devices must be used responsibly and appropriately
- Devices must not be used in a way that could place a child at risk
- Respect for privacy, dignity, and safeguarding boundaries must be maintained at all times

4. Use of Devices by Coaches and Volunteers

Coaches and volunteers:

- Must not use mobile phones or devices to take photographs or videos of children unless authorised and consent has been provided





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- Must not engage in private or inappropriate messaging with children
- Should use group-based communication methods where possible and include parents/carers
- Must maintain professional boundaries at all times

Mobile phones should only be used during sessions for:

- Emergency contact
- Club-related communication
- Session administration

5. Use of Devices by Players

- Players should not use mobile phones or devices during training sessions or matches unless permitted by a coach
- Mobile phones and devices must not be used in changing areas or toilets
- Any misuse of devices may be dealt with in line with Club disciplinary procedures

6. Photography and Filming

- Photography and filming must comply with the Club's Photography and Recording Policy
- Images or videos must not be shared on social media without appropriate consent
- Devices must not be used to take images in changing rooms, toilets, or private areas

7. Changing Areas and Private Spaces

- The use of mobile phones, cameras, or recording devices in changing rooms, toilets, or private areas is not permitted
- This applies to adults and children alike
- Any concerns must be reported immediately

8. Online Behaviour and Social Media

- Online behaviour must reflect the FA Codes of Conduct and the Club's Social Media Policy
- Inappropriate comments, messages, or content involving children will not be tolerated
- Concerns relating to online behaviour should be reported in line with safeguarding and complaints procedures





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9. Reporting Concerns

Any concerns regarding the use of mobile phones or digital devices must be reported without delay.

Concerns can be raised with:

- The Club Welfare Officers
- Via welfare@ncutdfc@gmail.com
- Via a Witness Statement on the Welfare tab of the Club website

Safeguarding concerns will be managed in line with the Club's Safeguarding Children Policy.

10. Breaches of Policy

Failure to comply with this policy may result in:

- Removal of permission to use devices
- Disciplinary action in line with Club procedures
- Referral to the County FA where appropriate

NC United FC Commitment

NC United Football Club is committed to ensuring that mobile phones and digital devices are used safely, responsibly, and in a way that protects the welfare of all children involved in football.

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