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Warning on Social Media Usage

We have become aware of some recent comments on social media, which have been disrespectful to clubs, teams, players and individuals within the TVCL community. The Management Committee therefore wishes to remind all Member Clubs of the following clauses in our Discipline & Complaints Procedure:

At all times:

- 2.1.8. *Participants shall not make any public or media comment which is detrimental to the TVCL, Member Clubs, umpires or the game in general. In this instance, media shall include press, radio, television, external websites, club websites, social networking sites and club match day programmes.*
- 2.1.9. *Participants shall not subsequently disclose or comment upon any alleged breach of this Code outside of these procedures.*
- 2.1.10. *Member Clubs must take adequate steps to ensure the good behaviour of its Participants.*

As the season has only just started we expect all Member Clubs to inform all their Members to be aware of this prohibition. This is to ensure all Participants think twice before quoting / posting any potentially defamatory remarks in public media, and which may lead to them being subject to a breach of the League's Code of Conduct.

In the hopefully unlikely event that any player has cause for a complaint, it must be made through official channels (email / letter in writing) from the Member Club's Officials to the League Secretary, as per D&C clauses 4.3 or 4.4. Any other communication format will be disregarded for this purpose.

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Hon. Secretary