SWINFORD KILLASSER LGFC

Mobile Phone and Smart Device Policy

Swinford Killasser LGFC recognises that mobile phones and smart devices are an important means of communication for players and parents/guardians. However, the Club also has a responsibility to provide a safe environment for all members and to protect the privacy and wellbeing of children, young people and adults involved in club activities.

This policy applies to all players, coaches, team mentors, parents/guardians, volunteers, club officials and visitors attending Swinford Killasser LGFC activities.

Mobile Phone and Smart Device Guidelines

• **Bringing phones to club activities**Players are encouraged to leave mobile phones and other smart devices at home where possible. If a player needs to bring a phone for emergency contact with a parent or guardian, it should remain switched off or on silent and stored safely during training sessions, matches and team meetings unless permission has been given by a coach or team manager.

• **Responsibility for personal devices**Players and parents/guardians are responsible for the safekeeping of their own mobile phones and smart devices. Swinford Killasser LGFC accepts no responsibility for the loss, theft or damage of personal devices while attending club activities, whether at home or away fixtures.

• **Changing Rooms and Toilets**The use of mobile phones, smart watches with cameras, tablets or any device capable of taking photographs, videos or audio recordings is strictly prohibited in changing rooms, toilets and shower facilities **at all times.**

This rule applies to **all players, coaches, parents/guardians, volunteers, club officials and visitors** without exception.

• **Photography and Video Recording**Photographs or videos must never be taken in changing rooms, toilets or shower facilities.

Photography or video recording during training sessions, matches or club events must be carried out in accordance with the Club's Photography and Social Media Policies and only where the appropriate parental/guardian consent has been obtained.

Images or videos of players must not be shared on social media or other online platforms without the appropriate permissions.

• **Respectful Use of Mobile Phones**Mobile phones and smart devices must always be used responsibly and respectfully. Any use of a device that compromises the privacy, dignity or wellbeing of another person, including taking unauthorised photographs, videos or recordings, is strictly prohibited.

• **Breaches of this Policy**Any breach of this policy will be taken seriously. Concerns will be addressed by the relevant team management and, where appropriate, referred to the Club Children's Officer and managed in accordance with the Club's safeguarding and disciplinary procedures.

Serious or repeated breaches may result in disciplinary action and, where necessary, may be referred to the relevant statutory authorities.

Compliance

Compliance with this policy is a condition of participation in all Swinford Killasser LGFC activities. All players, parents/guardians, coaches, volunteers and club officials are expected to read, understand and adhere to this policy at all times.

By working together, we can ensure that Swinford Killasser LGFC remains a safe, respectful and enjoyable environment for everyone.