

# Risbygate Sports Club Ltd. WhatsApp Policy

Due to the increased use of WhatsApp across the community we have introduced a company WhatsApp policy, please make sure you read it and adhere to it as this safeguards all members from improper use.

**Purpose:** To define the use of WhatsApp for club-related communication.

**Content:** Don't share sensitive Risbygate Sports Club Ltd. information, personal information about members or other persons, or offensive content.

Do not use any channels for promotions or advertisements for products or services unless agreed by the company.

**Behaviour:** Don't harass or bully other members.

**Groups:** Don't deliberately exclude members from groups, and ensure groups are searchable for personal data.

**Tone:** Consider whether the tone of your messages is appropriate for the membership community.

**Training:** Members must understand and follow the policy.

**Monitoring:** The company will continuously monitor how WhatsApp is being used.

**Disciplinary action:** Breaching the policy could result in disciplinary action.

**Communication:** This policy will be shared to all members so they are aware of their responsibilities to adhere to this policy.

WhatsApp messages can be used as evidence in legal proceedings if they were obtained legitimately and without privacy breaches. However, if the authenticity of the messages can't be proven, they may not be admissible.

## **AI generative images:**

All images shared within this club's WhatsApp group are taken or created by players, parents/guardians, coaches, or club officials. The club does not permit or support the use of artificial intelligence (AI) tools to generate or alter images shared in this group. Images should represent genuine club activities, events, and participation.

To help protect all members—especially children and young people—the following guidelines apply:

- **Consent:** Images of individuals, particularly minors, must only be shared where appropriate consent has been obtained from the individual or their parent/guardian.
- **Respect & Appropriateness:** Images must be respectful, suitable for all ages, and relevant to club activities.
- **Privacy:** Personal information (e.g., full names, contact details, locations beyond the venue) should not be shared alongside images without permission.

- **Usage:** Images shared in this group are for club communication, community engagement, and celebration of activities. They must not be copied, reused, or distributed outside the group without permission from the club and/or the individuals involved.
- **Safeguarding:** Any concerns about images or inappropriate sharing should be reported to a club official immediately.