



Club Website and using Social Media

The Club want everyone to be able to access our website and participate in other social networking opportunities, so we are clarifying the expectations around responsible use which are aligned with the Scottish Football Association, the national governing body guidelines.

Please note the Club follow the rules of the Scottish Youth FA (SYFA) and Scottish Women's Football (SWF) who are affiliates of the national governing body. For many people these guidelines will be common sense and you will be complying with them already. The Club ask you as players, parents and carers to be aware of the following :-

- <http://www.scottishyouthfa.co.uk/images/Information-Downloads/Policies-and-Procedures/Media/Code-of-Good-Use-Of-Photographs.pdf>
- <http://www.scottishyouthfa.co.uk/images/Information-Downloads/Policies-and-Procedures/Media/Social-Media-Usage-Policy-Iss-2.pdf>
- <http://scotwomensfootball.com/wp-content/uploads/2015/10/2.8-SWF-Social-Media-Policy.pdf>

As a member of the club you are responsible for and need to abide by the governing body Rules and Regulations regarding comments you place online about the league, club, players, managers or match officials.

It is against Club and SYFA rules to post comments that are or maybe conceived as offensive, insulting, abusive, threatening, racist, and discriminatory or any other reference that may cause offence or harm to others.

Any such comment made on club or league websites and/or social networking sites regarding officials may result in disciplinary action being taken in line with governing bodies Disciplinary Policies and Procedures.

Comments made on websites that are threatening abusive or racist could lead to legal action being taken against those responsible for posting or hosting them. Comments made may attract libel claims and legal action through the civil courts if they are untrue or defamatory.

When posting match reports, for small-sided (4v4, 5v5 & 7V7) teams, there should be no information published on line - on the website, or any other social networking sites - that reveals the result of these matches to the reader. Any such comments will be removed.

All parents/carers are advised to familiarise themselves with:-

- The guidance offered by the [Child Exploitation Online Protection \(CEOP\) centre](#); they provide guidance for parents/carers, children and young people. They also provide the most up to date guidance for online environments

If you have any concerns – please contact


- Digital Media Officer – Colin Poultney - cpoultney66@googlemail.com
- Child Protection Officer – John Crone – johncrone@btopenworld.com



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Club Website - General contacts and coaching sessions details - <http://stmirrenyfc.org.uk>

Club Social Media -    - Facebook, Instagram and Twitter handle: [@StMirrenYouthFC](https://www.instagram.com/StMirrenYouthFC)

Club Team App -  This Smartphone App will keep you up-to-date with your footballer's team or squad news, events, schedules and much more - <https://stmirrenyfc.teamapp.com/>

This App will be the **default** position that Coaches and Officials inform members of Club information, policies and procedures. TeamApp is secure and allows relevant information to be targeted to teams, squads, coaches and parents as appropriate.

We want all of our parents to be informed and involved – so please make sure you sign up to TeamApp

To get the full features of your teams App you need to download Team App onto your mobile phone.

- Download Team App here - <http://teamapp.com/app> - Its 100% FREE.
- Launch Team App, then...:
- Sign-up to Team App. You'll be sent an email to confirm your registration.
- Log in. Then search for St Mirren Youth FC and request access to the team or squad(s) that apply to you.

If you are seeking membership, you must complete details in full - First name, Last name, Street Number and Address, Postcode, Mobile number, email address.

If you are a parent, select Parent and the Team or Squad name your young footballer coaches with - please include the full name of your son/daughter in the box under where we ask "*Team son/daughter plays for*", as well as the Year they were born, and the Squad name that your footballer plays in:

- For example: *Alasdair Saint 2013 - Jennifer Mirren G9/11s.*

If basic information is left incomplete, such as just putting your first name and no last name, or leaving out your address, postcode, phone number or email - you will delay membership, or the Club will remove the application.

If you don't have a smartphone, reply to soccerschool@hotmail.com so that you can be added manually and you'll receive email notifications.

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