



Social Media Policy 2011

It is acknowledged that the internet is an excellent tool for promoting the game of gridiron across the state and nation. Social media and networking sites, such as Facebook, Twitter, YouTube, etc., are increasingly where information about the game is accessed and delivered.

However, these and other sites have often been a source of inappropriate, unproductive, and occasionally inflammatory postings. As such, the league must act to contain this issue before it gets uncontrollable.

Objective:

- To eliminate derogatory, inflammatory, or other comments considered detrimental to league objectives

In order to implement the objective, it is policy that:

- Comments made in a public forum that are considered to be against the league Code of Conduct and/or detrimental to league objectives and/or bringing the game into disrepute shall be referred to the GVCOM for consideration
- Once referred, the GVCOM may, at its discretion, require the referred individual (or in the event no individual can be confirmed, the club) to explain the comment(s)
- Following this, the GV Com, may, at its discretion adjudicate on the matter, which may include all disciplinary measures as set out in Sec. 5 of the GV Constitution

If this is a second referral by a participant or club, the COM may choose to waive the request for a letter of explanation and move straight to adjudication.

All processes, including appeals, shall be followed as stipulated within the GV Constitution.