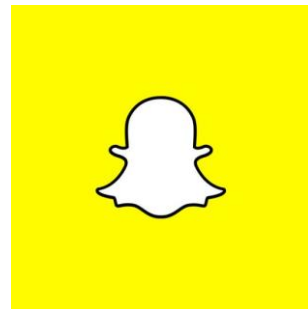




# Social Media

Social media is a large part of 21<sup>st</sup> century life, with everything from political news, to football videos, to personal thoughts instantaneously available at the touch of a button. This has changed the world of refereeing and the accessibility of referees, so the below guidance is in place to offer some best practice on using social media.



- Good news, positive stories and support of colleagues is encouraged; we can all play a part in raising the profile of refereeing.
- Once something has been said or posted, be prepared to be accountable for it.
- Avoid commenting on clubs, players or incidents that you have been involved in.
- Fellow referees and observers, at any level, are considered as colleagues. Remember this when commenting on football. Again, avoid negativity but support and praise is encouraged.

**Remember, if you wouldn't say it in a press conference,  
don't put it on Social Media!**