

VIDEO CONFERENCING MEETINGS PARTICIPANT REFERENCE



Recent social distancing and isolation as a result of COVID-19 have changed the way we are communicating with each other, which has involved technology in a way that hasn't been used before in the sporting landscape.

We want you to connect with you and the team in a meaningful way in the current circumstances, and there are some best practices which will help us create and maintain a safe and secure environment.

Obligations as a Minor Participant (under 18)

You maintain the same obligations for safety and privacy of your fellow team mates and members in an online format as you do when communicating with them in person at your Club.

In an online format, you should be mindful of the following:

If you are under 18 years of age – ensure you have permission from your parent/guardian to join chat groups which may include responsible adults (e.g. Coach, Manager etc).

If you have permission and are invited to a Team video meeting:

1. Have a parent or guardian around so you can ask questions or get help with ideas you don't understand
2. Talk to your parent or guardian before you download or click on other sites
3. Do not give out personal information (school, address, phone number) while you are on the group conversation
4. Be aware of the information you are sharing in the background
5. Do not add people to your social media accounts. Check with your parent/ guardian before you do so.
6. If you see something bad, speak up and tell your parent/ guardian

Obligations of all Participants

Irrespective of age, all participants in an online format must behave appropriately at all times. If a meeting is coordinated for Rugby purposes, you are bound by the Code of Conduct and Member Protection policies:

It is important to remember:

1. Ensure background noise (or sensitive conversations) are not overheard in your online conversation – it's best to mute yourself when not actively participating
2. Ensure your video background is appropriate and does not contain words or images which may cause offence
3. Remember, everything online can be recorded (even as a screen-shot). Avoid any behaviour which may breach Rugby policies or Law.
4. Overall, respect all other participants, enjoy the experience, and engage in meaningful ways.