

SPSRC POLICY ON MOBILE PHONES AND OTHER ELECTRONIC DEVICES

The widespread ownership of mobile phones and other electronic devices (**together the "Devices"**) amongst trainees (**the "Trainees"**) requires that SPSRC (**the "Club"**) outline its policy (**the "Policy"**) on the use of such Devices. Such widespread ownership requires that all staff, trainees and parents take steps to ensure that they are used responsibly on all trips whether in the UK or abroad (**the "Camps"**).

The Policy is designed to ensure that potential issues involving the Devices can be clearly identified and addressed, ensuring that the benefits that they provide can continue to be enjoyed by the Trainees. All members of staff will monitor the use of the Devices in accordance with the Policy.

1) Trainees may possess and use the Devices on the Camps subject to the following:-

- At a time determined by the houseparents at the beginning of each Camp, the Devices must be completely switched off for the night and placed far enough away from the Trainee's bed so that they cannot be reached by the Trainee.
- Parents must not contact their children after 7.45pm or before 7am. In an emergency situation a member of staff may be contacted.

If the Trainee disobeys the above rule 1), the Devices of that Trainee will be confiscated overnight and for all remaining nights on the camp. The Devices will be kept securely by a member of staff.

2) Trainees may not engage in personal attacks, harass another person or post private information about another person using SMS messages, taking or sending photos or objectionable images and phone calls. It is forbidden for the Devices to be used to take videos or pictures to denigrate and humiliate any member of the Club and/or to send the pictures to other Trainees or to upload them to a website for public viewing. This includes using mobile phones or other Devices to photograph or film any Club member without his/her consent.

The showing of films, online content or video games (**the "Content"**) to Trainees below the age of the Content's certification (where applicable) or permitting or allowing such underage Trainees to view such Content is a serious breach of the Policy and of the Club's other disciplinary and conduct rules. Where Content does not carry an age certification, the Trainee must exercise extreme caution and the viewing of inappropriate Content or Content of a violent or sexual nature is a breach of the Club's disciplinary and conduct rules and will be reported to the Club's Welfare Officer and the Trainee's parents. The showing of such Content to underage Trainees will be seen as a severe breach of the Club's rules and may result in disciplinary action, or reporting to the Police.

If a Trainee disobeys the above rule 2), the Device of that Trainee may be confiscated for the remainder of the Camp and members of staff reserve the right to take further disciplinary action. If the Device involved in such a breach is a mobile phone, the Trainee will be allowed to keep such mobile phone with him/her whilst training on the hill during training hours. Outside such training hours, members of staff reserve the right to confiscate the mobile phone for the remainder of the Camp. All breaches of this rule 2) will result in a written report to the Club's Welfare Officer.

3) The Club accepts no responsibility for replacing lost, stolen or damaged Devices. Insurance for the Devices is the responsibility of the Trainee and their parents, not the Club.

4) The Devices must be clearly labelled.

5) Members of staff may monitor the use of the Devices in any way they deem appropriate, including, but not limited to the following:-

- Knocking and entering a Trainee's room using a master key.
- Asking to view the Device if they deem appropriate.