**Perth Blackball Pool League** **– Social Media Guidelines**

We want to encourage our players to interact with us on social media, to support

our various competitions and to act as ambassadors and champions for The PBPL.

The following guidelines are for PBPL players who have a social media account.

The guidelines apply when you are accessing social media channels on posts directly posted by the PBPL or by players (Visitor posts) on any PBPL social media account. This includes any sub-groups such as IM entrant groups or SPA team accounts generated for the sole purpose of PBPL business.

This covers when you are talking about the league itself, representatives of the league, sponsors and players associated with the league

Personal accounts

If possible, in your personal description on your accounts say: “These views are my

own”. Anything you say on your own personal account may reflect on you as a PBPL player. If you identify yourself as a PBPL player please be cautious about what you say. Often it is better just to observe what is being said. Sometimes entering the debate can inflame matters.

If in any doubt contact a member of the committee for guidance

* Please be nice, polite and respectful of all players. Rudeness, negativity and arrogance may come across poorly on social media.
* Be ambassadors for the PBPL and consider what opinions of our league may be developed as a result of your comments
* Be positive and share positive opinions regards other players and their achievements
* Only post information you are happy for everyone to see
* Keep comments or messages on topic
* If challenged make it clear any comment is your own opinion
* Do not criticise PBPL or fellow players online at any time. Any complaint should be formulated through the appropriate channels (E.g. Written Letter)
* Do not use offensive, indecent or obscene language that could be discriminatory or promotes discrimination of any kind or partake in bullying/harassment
* Do not incite, condone or encourage conduct which could result in a criminal offence, civil liability, or otherwise breach any laws or regulations
* Do not post anything that could be considered defamatory or embarrassing, or damaging to an individual player, the league, or any league partner such as a sponsor.

Please note the league stands for fair play, sportsmanship and respect of others so please be fair and respectful to all when accessing our social media outlets. Failure to adhere to the guidelines may result in being removed from the PBPL page or face league disciplinary action in the event of a complaint.