



## Mobile Phones

Young people value their mobile phones as it gives them a sense of independence and they can often be given to young people for security to enable parents to keep in touch. However, technology has given direct personal contact between adults and juniors and in some cases adults have used this to cross personal boundaries placing themselves and young people at risk. The following guidelines should be followed:

### As a Leader

- Use group texts for communication among players and teams and inform parents of this at the start of the season, tournament or event.
- It is not appropriate or acceptable to have constant contact with an individual athlete.
- Don't use your phone in inappropriate locations, such as changing rooms, especially if your phone has
- a camera.
- Do not send messages late at night
- Remember the principles of the Leaders Code of Conduct apply to social media communication as well and consider your digital footprint before posting.

### As a Junior Golfer

If you receive an offensive message, email or photo don't reply to it, save it, make note of times and dates and tell a parent, children's officer or responsible adult you trust.

Be careful about whom you give your number or email address to and don't respond to unfamiliar numbers.

Don't use your phone in inappropriate locations, such as changing rooms, especially if your phone has a camera.

Treat your phone as you would any valuable item so that you can guard against theft.