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The McKinnon Cricket Club has recently become aware that some of its members may have been involved in posting inappropriate comments on the internet concerning the Ajax Cricket Club and the Jewish Community.

The allegations involve comments which were posted on the social network internet site called Facebook which are of a racist nature.

We are currently in the process of investigating the allegations in accordance with our Rules and, in the interim, any person who we consider may have had any involvement in this matter from our club has been suspended.

In addition to the above, we are also liaising with Cricket Victoria, the VTCA and the Ajax Cricket Club to ensure that this matter is resolved quickly and amicably with no detriment to any of the clubs involved or the wider cricketing community.

Any remarks made in no way represent the views or opinions of the McKinnon Cricket Club. We deeply regret that the allegations involve our cricket club and we will do all in our power to remedy any impact that these allegations have on our relationship with the Ajax Cricket Club and cricket in general.

McKinnon Cricket Club condemns any form of racial and religious vilification and is treating the allegations extremely seriously. We will also take all action necessary if the allegations are proven to be true which could include a life ban for any members involved in posting the remarks.

All registered Victorian cricketers, including members of McKinnon Cricket Club are bound by Cricket Australia's racial and religious vilification policy and, depending upon the outcome of investigations any players involved could also be the subject of a disciplinary hearing and suspension by Cricket Victoria.

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We need to conduct an investigation and follow a process which is fair to all individuals involved and which does not reach a conclusion until all information has been gathered and taken into consideration. We therefore do not intend to make any further comments until such time as all investigations have been finalised.

Regards,

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