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SUMMER OF SPORT INCREASES CYBERSKIVING

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Euro 2004 has just kicked off, the first balls are about to be served at Wimbledon and the athletes are under starters orders for the Olympics. All three are in a time zone conducive to following what happens at work.

Employees with access to the internet will inevitably log on to get up-to-date scores and results. Most employers are not concerned with a little bit of personal use, and may even encourage it, either to increase people's understanding of the internet and/or to be a 'good employer'. However, the problem is where to draw the line when such use threatens efficiency.

Employers should already have proper policies in place; policies which employees understand. It would either be a good idea to update those policies or issue addendums to them to deal with the feast of sport approaching.

For those employers without policies, now might be a good time to put them in place.

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