



GREATER KINGSTON HOCKEY ASSOCIATION SOCIAL MEDIA POLICY

Greater Kingston Hockey Association is committed to providing an environment to lead, develop and promote positive hockey experiences for players, families, and league officials. Any form of harassment using electronic devices commonly known as cyber bullying by coaches, other parents, volunteers, officials, bench staff, other teammates and competitors will not be tolerated.

What is cyberbullying?

Cyberbullying is the use of any electronic communication device to convey a message in any form (text, image, audio or video) that repeatedly defames, intimidates, harasses or is otherwise intended to harm, insult or humiliate another individual. In addition, any communication of this form that disputes or prevents a safe and positive environment may also be considered cyberbullying.

Social Media Guidelines

Greater Kingston Hockey Association holds the entire Greater Kingston Hockey Association membership who participates in social media and networking to the same standards as it does for all other forms of media including radio, television and print. Comments or remarks of an inappropriate nature, which are detrimental to an individual, team, or the Greater Kingston Hockey Association will not be tolerated and could be subject to disciplinary action. If posting refrain from divulging confidential information of a personal or team related nature. Avoid revealing business or game strategy that could provide another team or individual a competitive advantage. Furthermore, do not discuss injury information about any player. Only divulge information that is considered public. Use your best judgement at all times pause before posting. Once your comments are posted, they cannot be retracted. Ultimately, you are solely responsible for your comments and they are published for the public record. Furthermore, if requested to participate in an online network, as a direct result of your affiliation with or participation in Greater Kingston Hockey Association, Greater Kingston Hockey Association recommends that you request approval from your team or Minor Hockey Association.

Social Media Violations

The following are examples of conduct through social media and networking mediums that are considered violations of the Greater Kingston Hockey Association social media policy and may be subject to disciplinary action by the Team, Minor Hockey Association, League and/or Greater Kingston Hockey Association.

- Any statement deemed to be publicly critical of Association officials or detrimental to the welfare of a member of a team, association, league, Greater Kingston Hockey Association or individual.
- Divulging confidential information concerning players, coaches, game strategies, or League activity
- Posting photos, videos, or comments that promote negative influences or criminal behaviour, including but not limited to: drug and alcohol abuse, hazing, and sexual exploitation
- Online activity that contradicts the current policies of Hockey Canada, Greater Kingston Hockey Association or any of its member associations
- Online activity that is meant to alarm other individuals or to misrepresent fact or truth
- Any other matter of a sensitive nature to a member of a team, association, league, Greater Kingston Hockey Association or an individual

Discipline

Complaints referred to Greater Kingston Hockey Association will be investigated and reviewed by the Greater Kingston Hockey Association Discipline and Ethics Committee and if deemed warranted members of Greater Kingston Association may be subject to disciplinary action.

For further information on this, policy and/or questions or concerns please do not hesitate to contact the Executive of Risk Management for the Greater Kingston Hockey Association.

Parent Name: _____.

Parent Signature: _____.

Date: _____.

Child Name: _____.

Child Signature: _____.

Date: _____.