



SOCIAL MEDIA AND ELECTRONIC COMMUNICATIONS POLICY

Communications involving minor participants should be appropriate, productive and transparent, as part of USA Volleyball's emphasis on participant safety.

Communications concerning travel, practice or competition schedules and administrative issues among coaches, administrators and players and their families is critical. However, the use of mobile devices, web-based applications, social media and other forms of electronic communications increases the possibility for improprieties and misunderstandings, and also provides potential offenders with unsupervised and potentially inappropriate access to participants. The improper use of mobile devices and electronic communications can result in misconduct.

Below are USA Volleyball Social Media and Electronic Communications Policy requirements.

Policy

- USA Volleyball junior clubs are required to implement a Social Media and Electronic Communications Policy. A model policy with additional suggested items is included in the Appendix to this handbook. If a club chooses not to, or is unable to, create a written Social Media and Electronic Communications Policy, the model policy will become the default policy for that club.
- All electronic communication between adult and player must be for the purpose of communicating information about team activities.
- Adults, players and all team personnel must follow appropriate guidelines regarding the volume and time of day of any allowed electronic communication.
- All content between adult and player should be readily available to share with the public or families of the adult or player.
- If the player is under the age of 18, any email, text, social media or similar communication must also copy or include the player's parents.

Request To Discontinue All Electronic Communications

Immediate compliance without repercussion must be granted following receipt of a written request by the player's parents that their child not be contacted by any form of electronic communication by coaches or other adults, their club, team, coaches and administrators.