



Port Coquitlam Minor Hockey Association

Social Media Guidelines

The Port Coquitlam Minor Hockey Association acknowledges and understands its members' rights to freedom of speech and expression including the use of social networks. In this context, however, each member must remember that playing and competing for PCMHA is a privilege, not a right. As coach, athlete or volunteer you represent PCMHA and it is expected that you portray yourself, your team, and the association in an unquestionable manner at all times. Any online postings must therefore be consistent with association guidelines.

Guidelines:

If you participate on a social networking site, you must keep the following guidance in mind:

- Everything you post is public information – any text or photo placed online is completely out of your control the moment it is placed online – even if you limit access to your site. Information (including photos, videos, comments, and posters) may be accessible even after you remove it.
- Use caution when sending and/or receiving “friend requests”.
- What you post may affect your future. Many university school admissions officers, scouts, professional teams, national governing bodies, volunteer organizations and employers review social networking sites as part of their overall evaluation of a candidate or employee. Carefully consider how you want people to perceive you before you give them a chance to misinterpret your information (including photos, videos, comments and postings).
- Similar to comments made in person, PCMHA will not tolerate disrespectful/offensive comments and behavior online towards PCMHA teams, coaches, & players and opposition teams, coaches, & players.

Monitoring and Consequences:

Any violation of these guidelines is subject to investigation and sanction by PCMHA's Discipline Committee. PCMHA reserves the right to determine appropriate sanctions for any violation of these guidelines (such sanctions may vary from removal of the objectionable material, suspension or dismissal).

I agree to abide by the principles of the Social Media Policy as set by Port Coquitlam Minor Hockey and supported by BC Hockey.

I also agree to abide by the rules, regulations and decisions as set for the PCMHA.

PRINT PLAYER'S NAME _____ DATE: _____

SIGNATURES:

PLAYER: _____ PARENT: _____