



EGSA Social Media Policy

This policy shall apply to all coaches, players, parents, guardians or other persons associated with EGSA regarding use of social media. This policy applies to the above participants on and off the field. The goal of EGSA is to assure that its participants – coaches, players, parents, guardians, fans, etc – maintain the highest standard of sportsmanship and ethical behavior at all times. Adherence to this policy shall be a condition for continued participation in the EGSA program. A parent/guardian is required to acknowledge this policy in writing or electronically at registration and inform the participating player of the policy.

We have a zero tolerance policy for inappropriate use of social media. Social media is defined to include: Web sites, Web logs (blogs), wikis, social networks (e.g. Twitter, Facebook, MySpace, LinkedIn, Flickr, YouTube, etc.), online forums, virtual worlds, email and any other social media generally available to the public or consumers.

Inappropriate is defined to include:

1. Players, parents, coaches, umpires or any participant associated with EGSA who denigrate (attack the character or reputation of, speak ill of, defame, disparage or belittle) other individuals players, teammates or evaluation processes as related to EGSA.
2. Parents, who send harassing emails, denigrate the evaluation process, or board members; or swear as it relates to EGSA.

REQUIREMENTS:

All participants in EGSA are expected to serve as positive ambassadors of our organization and they should remember that they are role models to the players. Because readers of social media networks may view the participant as a representative of EGSA, EGSA requires participants to observe the following rules when referring to EGSA, the players, activities, volunteers, coaches, parents, umpires, etc., on any social media networks:

A. Use of any social media network and postings, displays or communications on any social media network must comply with all state and federal laws and any EGSA policies and the EGSA code of conduct.

B. Participants must be respectful and professional in all communications (by word, image or other means). Participants shall not use obscene, profane or vulgar language on any social media network or engage in communications or conduct that is harassing, threatening, bullying, libelous or defamatory or that discusses or encourages any illegal activity or the inappropriate use of alcohol, use of illegal drugs, sexual behavior, or sexual harassment.

C. Participants may not act as a spokesperson for EGSA except as authorized by the EGSA Board of Directors.

D. When authorized as a spokesperson for EGSA, participants must disclose their relationship with EGSA.

E. Participants may not disclose information on any social media network that is confidential or proprietary to EGSA, its players, parents, coaches, umpires, etc, or that is protected by data privacy laws.

F. Participants will be held responsible for the disclosure, whether purposeful or inadvertent, of confidential or private information, information that violates the privacy rights or other rights of a third party, or the content of anything posted on any social media network or internet site as it relates to EGSA.

G. Anything related to EGSA posted on the participants Web site or Web log or other internet content for which the participant is responsible will be subject to all EGSA policies, rules, regulations or guidelines.

VIOLATION:

A EGSA participant who is responsible for a social media network posting that fails to comply with the rules set forth in this policy may be subject to discipline as outlined in the EGSA Code of conduct.

Parent / Guardian

Signature