## E.A. Prep Stars (Educated Athletes)

## **Social Media – Code of Conduct Guidelines:**

- 1. It is your responsibility to be respectful at all times on social media. You are expected to show the same respect and regard for people that you would when playing, officiating or attending a basketball game.
- 2. Do not use social media to be critical of teammates, coaches, officials, administrators, volunteers or spectators. Negative comments and images, bullying, criticism and sexist remarks can be dangerous and harmful to people's wellbeing and reputation and the image of individuals and E.A. Prep Stars (Educated Athletes).
- 3. Always assume the person you are talking or writing about will see what has been said or written. Ensure all comments are factually correct.
- 4. Use social media as a positive outlet to promote players, teammates, teams, clubs and others involved in basketball. E.A. Prep Stars (Educated Athletes) has a page on Facebook for members to interact with. Posting results and acknowledging individual and team performances on social media makes many people aware of team and individual achievements. That can have a positive effect for many people and should be used, encouraged and embraced wherever and whenever possible.
- 5. Do not tolerate or condone poor social media behavior or actions. If you are aware of or observe poor social media behavior or actions, do not accept it. There is no place for it in basketball and it will not be condoned. You should remind people of their responsibilities when using social media and warn that action can be taken against them. In the instance of minors breaching the code of conduct, alert their parents to the situation. If you believe the breach is serious, report it to team, club or association officials.

## Consequences

Your actions on social media may have serious consequences. Negative comments and images, bullying, criticism and sexist or derogatory remarks not only impact negatively on the people they are about, they reflect badly on yourself, your parents and the people you represent. If you are found to have acted improperly on social media by breaching any of the E.A. Prep Stars (Educated Athletes) code of conduct requirements or guidelines above regarding a basketball related matter, you will be permanently removed from E.A. Prep Stars (Educated Athletes) organization. NO EXCEPTIONS!!!