

## **Chester County Skating Club's Mobile and Electronic Communications Policy**

Chester County Skating Club ("CCSC") has established policies to guide our electronic communications and reduce the risk of abuse or misconduct. All electronic communication between coach and player must be for the purpose of communicating information about team activities. Coaches, players and all team personnel must follow common sense guidelines regarding the volume and time of day of any allowed electronic communication.

All content between coaches and players should be readily available to share with the public or families of the player or coach. 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.

### **Social Media**

Social media makes it easy to share ideas and experiences. CCSC recognizes, however, that social media, mobile and other electronic communications can be especially concerning where minor participants are involved.

- Coaches are prohibited from having players joined to their personal Facebook page or any other similar social media application.
- To facilitate communication, an official organization or team page may be set up and players and parents may join (i.e., "friend") the official organization or team page and coaches can communicate to players through the site.
- All electronic communication of any kind between coach and player, including use of social media, must be non-personal in nature and be for the purpose of communicating information about team activities or for team oriented motivational purposes.

### **Email, Text Messaging and Similar Electronic Communications**

Coaches, team managers and players may use email and text messaging to communicate.

- All email and text message content between coaches/team managers and players must be non-personal in nature and be for the purpose of communicating information about team activities.
- Emails and text messages from a coach to any minor participant must include a copy to parents.

### **Request to Discontinue All Electronic Communications or Imagery with Athlete**

Following receipt of a written request by the parents of a minor player that their child not be contacted by any form of electronic communication by coaches or other adults, the local program, team, coaches and administrators shall immediately comply with such request without any repercussions for such request.

### **Abuse and Misconduct**

Social media and other means of electronic communication can be used to commit abuse and misconduct (e.g., emotional, sexual, bullying, harassment, and hazing). Such communications will not be tolerated and are considered violations of USA Hockey's SafeSport Program.

## **Reporting**

Infractions of CCSC's Mobile and Electronic Communications Policy should be reported to the appropriate person as described in Section IV of the [USA Hockey SafeSport Program Handbook](#). A USA Hockey participant or parent of a participant who violates this Mobile and Electronic Communications Policy is subject to appropriate disciplinary action including but not limited to suspension, permanent suspension and/or referral to law enforcement authorities.