

Roblin Minor Hockey Social Media Policy

SOCIAL NETWORKING is defined as communicating through on-line communities of people such as, but not limited to, Facebook, Twitter, You Tube, blogging, etc. The policy will be applicable to all members of the Roblin Minor Hockey Community (RMH), including board members, coaches, managers, players, officials, players' family members and supporters.

Roblin Minor Hockey recognizes and appreciates the value of social media and the importance of social networking to all of its stakeholders. Roblin Minor Hockey also respects the right of all Teams and Association personnel to express their views publicly. At the same time we must be aware of the dangers social media and networking can present.

SOCIAL MEDIA GUIDELINES

1. Roblin Minor Hockey holds everyone who participates in social media and networking to the same standards as it does for all other forms of media including radio, television and print.
2. Comments or remarks of an inappropriate nature which are detrimental to a team, RMH, or an individual will not be tolerated and will be subject to disciplinary action.
3. It should be recognized that social media comments are on the record and instantly published and available to the public and media. You should conduct yourself in an appropriate and professional manner at all times.
4. Refrain from divulging confidential information of a personal or team related nature. Avoid revealing business or game strategy that could provide another team or individual a competitive advantage. Only divulge information that is considered public.
5. Use your best judgment at all times – pause before posting. Once your comments are posted they cannot be retracted. Ultimately, you are solely responsible for your comments and they are published for the public record.
6. If requested to participate in an online network, as a direct result of your affiliation with RMH, RMH recommends that you request approval from the Team or from RMH.
7. All members of the RMH community are not permitted to participate in social media or networking two (2) hours prior to the start of a RMH game and at least one (1) hour following the completion of a RMH game.

SOCIAL MEDIA VIOLATIONS

The following are examples of conduct through social media and networking mediums that are considered violations of the RMH Social Media Policy and may be subject to disciplinary action by the Team and/or Roblin Minor Hockey.

1. Any statement deemed to be publicly critical or detrimental to the welfare of an official, player and/or coach from RMH, or the opposing team.

2. Negative or derogatory comments about any player, official and/or coach from RMH and/or the opposing team.
3. Any form of bullying, harassment or threats against players or officials.
4. Online activity that is meant to alarm other individuals or to misrepresent fact or truth.

DISCIPLINE

If any violations of the social media policy occur, RMH will follow the disciplinary action procedures as outlined in the Roblin Minor Hockey Constitution, By-Laws and Regulations Document.

SUMMARY

When using social media and networking mediums, all members of Roblin Minor Hockey, should assume at all times that they are representing RMH and the community of Roblin in general. All members of the RMH community should remember to use the same discretion with social media and networking as they do with other traditional forms of media. Should the identity or image of any member of the RMH Community be used in Social Media without the individual's authorization, this is considered to be identity theft.

I have reviewed the Roblin Minor Hockey Social Media Policy and I commit to following all of the stated rules and policies for myself and my children.

Parents Signatures:

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Date:
