

PEAKS YOUTH HOCKEY ASSOCIATION

SOCIAL MEDIA, MOBILE, AND ELECTRONIC COMMUNICATIONS POLICY

Peaks Youth Hockey Association (PYHA) affirms that all communication involving our minor participants should be appropriate, productive, and transparent. To help prevent abuse or misconduct from occurring as a result of social media, mobile, and electronic communications, the PYHA has adopted the following policy. This policy is designed to maintain the personal privacy, safety and protection of our participants as well as to reduce the risk of 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.

EMAIL, TEXT MESSAGING, SOCIAL MEDIA, AND SIMILAR ELECTRONIC COMMUNICATIONS

Coaches, team managers and players may use email, text messaging, and social media to communicate. All email, text message content, or posts between coaches, team managers and players must be non-personal in nature and be for the purpose of communicating information about team activities. All emails and text messages from a coach to any minor participant **must** include a copy to parents. Coaches are prohibited from having players join their personal Facebook page or any other similar social media application.

ABUSE AND MISCONDUCT

Social media and other means of electronic communication can be used to commit abuse and misconduct (i.e. emotional abuse, sexual or other forms of harassment, bullying, and hazing). Such communications posted by any coach, team manager, volunteer, parent, player, or other participant of the PYHA will not be tolerated and are considered violations of USA Hockey's SafeSport Program.

PROHIBITED CONDUCT AND REPORTING

PYHA prohibits all types of abuse, bullying, threats, harassment and hazing. Coaches, players, team managers, administrators, or volunteers of PYHA may be subject to disciplinary action for violation of these social media, mobile, and electronic communication policies or for engaging in any misconduct.

Report of any actual or suspected violations, you may contact
USA Hockey at SafeSport@usahockey.org or call 1-800-888-4656
Foster Watabe, Peaks Ice Arena Manager, at fwatabe@provo.org
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