

Nanaimo Minor Hockey Social Media Policy

This Social Media Policy will outline the use of Social Media platforms for NMHA participants. NMHA encourages all participants to be actively involved with Social Media as regards topics related to hockey. NMHA will view any comments/posts as public information.

1 – Social Media is all online communication, including, but not limited to:

A – Facebook

B – Twitter

C – Instagram

D – SnapChat

E - YouTube

F – Blogs

2 – NMHA encourages the use of Social Media in a positive manner. The proper use of social media can help promote special events, fundraising initiatives and overall, the sport of hockey. Positive comments help raise awareness of the sport, the association and the overall benefits of the game.

3 – The following items outline the guidelines of NMHA's Social Media Policy. Players, Coaches, Team Staff or Parents not adhering to these guidelines will be subject to disciplinary action by NMHA. Players, Coaches, Team Staff and Parents are reminded that the use of cell phones, cameras or other recording devices in the dressing room is expressly forbidden and is also subject to disciplinary action.

A – Personal contact information or confidential information shall not be posted on Social Media. This includes other participants in NMHA.

B – Once something has been posted to Social media it will be recognized as a public comment. Social Media is now considered the same as all other Media. As such, once something is posted, any claims to privacy are void.

C – Do not use language or expression that can be interpreted as racist, sexist or prejudicial.

D – Do not bully, harass or make threats against players, officials or coaches.

E – Do not post photographs, video or comments promoting negative influences or criminal behaviour.

F – Do not post inappropriate photographs.

4 – Violations of the above guidelines which are reported to NMHA will be subject to an investigation. If a violation is found to have occurred, the participant(s) will be subject to disciplinary action under NMHA bylaws. Minimum suspension for contravention of these guidelines shall be 3 games.