



Social Media Contract

Purpose:

The purpose of this social media policy is to establish guidelines for the appropriate use of social media by participants, coaches, volunteers, and parents involved in Albemarle County Volleyball Club ("ACVC"). This policy aims to promote positive behavior, protect the well-being of participants, and maintain the integrity and reputation of the organization.

Guidelines:

1. Respect and Sportsmanship:
 - Participants, coaches, volunteers, and parents are expected to demonstrate respect and sportsmanship in all social media interactions.
 - Avoid engaging in disrespectful or inflammatory discussions, including comments directed towards other participants, coaches, officials, or opposing teams.
2. Cyberbullying and Harassment:
 - Cyberbullying, harassment, or any form of abuse will not be tolerated.
 - Report any instances of cyberbullying or harassment to the appropriate coaches, organization directors, or authorities.
3. Confidentiality:
 - Do not share confidential or sensitive information related to the organization, its participants, or any other individuals involved in youth sports activities.
 - Respect the privacy of others and refrain from posting personal or private information without consent.
4. Positive Representation:
 - Represent yourself, your team, and the organization in a positive light on ALL social media platforms.
 - Refrain from posting content that could reflect negatively on the organization or bring discredit to its reputation.
5. Content Appropriateness:
 - Do not post or share content that is inappropriate, offensive, discriminatory, or illegal.
 - Exercise caution when sharing photos, videos, or comments to ensure they are appropriate for all audiences, including children and families.
6. Compliance with Policies and Regulations:
 - Adhere to all applicable laws, regulations, and organizational policies when using social media.
 - Refrain from engaging in activities that violate copyright or intellectual property rights.
7. Communication Channels:
 - Official communication regarding organizational matters should be conducted through approved channels designated by the organization.
 - Use social media responsibly and avoid misrepresenting yourself as a spokesperson for the organization unless authorized to do so.
8. Parental Involvement:
 - Parents are encouraged to monitor their children's social media activity and educate them about responsible online behavior.
 - Parents should lead by example and adhere to the guidelines outlined in this policy.

Consequences of Violation:

Violations of this social media policy may result in disciplinary action, including but not limited to warnings, suspension, or expulsion from the organization, depending on the severity of the infraction and the discretion of organizational officials. See below.

The following rules will be implemented and enforced.

1st offense- Warning, or 1-match Suspension, and further action if deemed necessary by the ACVC Directors.

2nd offense- 1-Tournament suspension minimum with possible Expulsion if deemed necessary by the ACVC Directors.

3rd offense- Expulsion and possible next season suspension if deemed necessary by the ACVC Directors

ACVC reserves the right to skip disciplinary steps when a violation occurs

Acknowledgment:

All participants, coaches, volunteers, and parents are required to acknowledge receipt and understanding of this social media policy. By participating in youth sports activities, individuals agree to abide by the guidelines outlined herein.