



Top Notch Softball

Social Media Policy & Guidelines for Student Athletes

Playing and competing for Top Notch Baseball is a privilege. Student-athletes in the program are held in the highest regard and are seen as role models in the community. As leaders you have the responsibility to always portray your team and yourselves in a positive manner. Sometimes this means doing things that are an inconvenience to you but benefit the whole team.

Facebook, Twitter, Snap Chat, Instagram and other social media sites have increased in popularity globally and are used by the majority of student-athletes here at Top Notch Baseball in one form or another.

Student-athletes should be aware ANY parent, ANY family member, and ANY coach can easily access your profiles and view all personal information. This includes all pictures, videos, comments, and posters. Inappropriate material found by any of these persons affects the perception of the student-athlete, the team they play for and the entire Top Notch program. This can also be detrimental to a student-athletes future employment options, whether in professional sports or in other industries.

Examples of inappropriate and offensive behaviors concerning participation in online communities may include depictions or presentations of the following:

- Photos, videos, comments, or posters showing the personal use of alcohol, drugs and tobacco e.g., no holding cups, cans, shot glasses etc.
- Photos, videos, and comments that are of a sexual nature. This includes links to websites of a pornographic nature and other inappropriate material.
- Pictures, videos, comments, or posters that condone drug-related activity. This includes but is not limited to images that portray the personal use of marijuana and drug paraphernalia.
- Content online that is unsportsmanlike, derogatory, demeaning or threatening toward any other individual or entity (examples: derogatory comments regarding another institution; taunting comments aimed at a student-athlete, coach or team at another institution and derogatory comments against race and/or gender). No posts should encourage unacceptable, violent, or illegal activities (examples: hazing, sexual harassment/assault, gambling, discrimination, fighting, vandalism, underage drinking, illegal drug use).

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I, _____ student athlete, understand that non-compliance of this policy and these guidelines can result in but are not limited to practice conditioning, game suspension, removal of player from organization.

I, _____ parent/guardian, for my student-athlete I understand that non-compliance of this policy and these guidelines can result in but are not limited to practice conditioning, game suspension, removal of player from organization.

Please Sign

Student Athlete _____

Parent/Guardian _____