



SOCIAL MEDIA & ELECTRONIC COMMUNICATION

All electronic communications from Applicable Adults to unrelated minor athletes, over whom they have authority, must be professional in nature.

OPEN & TRANSPARENT

- Absent emergency circumstances, if an Applicable Adult having authority over minor athletes wishes to communicate directly with such minor athlete via electronic means (including social media), then he or she must copy another Applicable Adult or the minor's parent(s) or legal guardian on all such communications.
- If a minor athlete initiates private electronic communication with an Applicable Adult who has authority over the minor athlete, then, on any response and follow-up communication, the Applicable Adult must copy to another Applicable Adult or the minor's parent(s) or legal guardian.
- When an Applicable Adult having authority over a group of minor athletes communicates electronically to the group or any number thereof, then said Applicable Adult must copy another Applicable Adult.
- Nothing herein shall prohibit minor athletes from joining, following or "friending" the official page of USA Fencing or any affiliated organization or Applicable Adult, nor shall it prohibit or restrict any affiliated organization or Affiliated Adult from posting otherwise appropriate messages or information to the entire membership or following of the page.

REQUESTS TO DISCONTINUE

Any parent or legal guardian of a minor athlete may request in writing that his or her minor athlete not be contacted through any form of electronic communication by any organization or Applicable Adult subject to this policy. The relevant organization or Applicable Adult, as the case may be, must abide by any such request, absent emergency circumstances.

MONITORING

Each organization and Applicable Adult subject to these policies shall monitor his, her or its social media pages and remove any posts that violate USA Fencing's policies, practices or codes of conduct.



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