



Jesters Ball Hockey Online and Social Media Policy 2022-2023 Season

For the purposes for this policy, key definitions are as follows:

Online social networking – any online service, platform, or site that allows users to share information, ideas, comments, events, or media.

Jesters Ball Hockey Association - people that are directly involved in activities of the organization, including coaches, team managers, team support staff, players, parents, and administrative staff.

The Jesters Ball Hockey Association understands and appreciates the importance of social networking as it relates to the personal and professional lives of its members and its stakeholders.

This immediate and public forum provides unique opportunities for networking and promotion; however, it also provides an unsupervised medium for inappropriate conduct to occur. This conduct may be deemed detrimental to the welfare of Jesters Ball Hockey Program, its membership and not in the best interests of the game. The organization holds its entire membership who participates in online social networking to the same standards as it would with all forms of communication including television, radio and print.

The primary purpose of these policies is to protect all parties from harassment, bullying, stalking, inappropriate contact or behavior, however they are intended.

The following are some examples of behavior in online social networking mediums that will result in appropriate disciplinary action at the discretion of the Jesters Ball Hockey Board Members:

- Posting or divulging confidential information that includes but is not limited to: member's personal information, contact information, medical conditions, injuries and/or other sensitive matters pertinent to Jesters Ball Hockey and its membership.
- Posting negative or derogatory comments about any of Jesters Ball Hockey Association or competing programs' staff, programs, members, stakeholders, or program participants.
- Posting photographs, video or comments regarding fights, penalties, or other in-game incidents.
- Posting photographs, video or comments promoting negative influences or criminal behavior including but not limited to: drug use, alcohol abuse, public intoxication, sexual exploitation, etc.
- Participating in any online activity that contradicts the current policies of Jesters Ball Hockey.
- Posting any inappropriate, derogatory, racist, or sexist comments contradictory to Jesters Ball Hockey's policies on these matters.

Jesters Ball Hockey members should assume at all times that they are representing Jesters Ball Hockey.

Members are expected to demonstrate discretion and respect over these sites; if a photo or comment would be inappropriate for all other forms of media, then it should be considered inappropriate for online social networking sites. Any material, comments or actions through these portals deemed inappropriate will be reviewed by the Jesters Ball Hockey Board Members for possible sanctions up to and including suspension and/or expulsion from the program.

Please see the resources below for details:

http://media.hometeamsonline.com/photos/hockey/SCOUTSHOCKEY/USAHockey_SafeSport_social_media_policy.pdf

We appreciate your continued support in creating a safe environment for our players and families.

Respectfully yours,

Jesters Ball Hockey Club LLC

<http://www.jestersballhockey.com/>

Parent: _____ Date: _____

Player: _____ Date: _____