



Appendix C - Guidelines and Consent Form for Participants

- All Electronic Communications and Social Media use between Persons of Authority and Participants should be open, observable, and justifiable.
- Familiarize yourself with the means and associated expectations for how team staff/volunteers will communicate with Participants, shared at the beginning of the season.
- Engaging on Social Media is your choice:
 - You are not required to follow or accept invitations from coaches, teammates, competitors, officials, or other Sport Organization Participants. You can also choose to block individuals from following you.
 - Talk to your coaches and parents/guardians about how you would like to communicate about your sport participation.
- Protect your privacy. Set and annually review your privacy settings across platforms and on all devices to restrict who can search for you and what private information other people can see.
 - Remember – Depending on your privacy settings, content posted or shared on Social Media is not private or anonymous, and is considered public communication. Content is also almost always permanent because individuals may take screenshots of your content before it is deleted.
- If you are under the age of eighteen (18), make sure your parent/guardian is aware of any Electronic Communications and/or Social Media interactions you have with your coach or other Persons of Authority.
- Model appropriate behaviour on Social Media befitting your status as a Participant within the SAGC. Interactions on Social Media must respect the SAGC's *Code of Conduct and Ethics*.
- If you attend or host a video session, ensure you are dressed appropriately and in a neutral location (avoid personal spaces such as bedrooms or bathrooms).
- Do not post content or pictures of, or alluding to, participation in illegal activities by yourself or others.
- Do not engage with coaches or other Persons of Authority on platforms with disappearing content (Snapchat, Instagram Stories, Facebook Stories).
- If you feel harassed or believe Electronic Communications and/or Social Media activity is inappropriate or may violate the SAGC's policies and procedures, report the matter to your parent/guardian, your coach, and/or as outlined in the SAGC's *Discipline and Complaints Policy*.
- Every Participant who has reasonable grounds to suspect that a Participant or Vulnerable Person is or may be subject to Maltreatment or abuse, including through Electronic Communications or Social Media use, must promptly report the suspicion and the information upon which it is based to local child protection services or the police.