



Appendix D - Guidelines and Consent Form for Parents / Guardians

- 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.
- Parents/Guardians are not to tag coaches with out their consent.
- Consider that Participants may discuss personal and non-personal matters through Electronic Communications or Social Media rather than face-to-face. You can inform Persons of Authority that they are not permitted to contact the Participant in your care directly using Electronic Communications and/or on any (or a specific) Social Media platform.
- Participants joining video sessions (on Zoom, MS Teams) must dress appropriately and avoid personal spaces (bedrooms, bathrooms).
- Consider joining any Public Communication that occurs on a Social Media platform between a Person of Authority and the Participant in your care (tag a coach and your Participant on a sport-related Twitter thread or add a comment to an Instagram post).
- You can request copies of any Electronic Communications and/or Social Media interactions between a Person of Authority and the Participant in your care.
- You can request to be copied on all Electronic Communications between team staff/the Sport Organization and the Participant in your care.
- An individual who believes Electronic Communications and/or Social Media activity is inappropriate or may violate the SAGC's policies and procedures should report the matter as outlined in the SAGC's *Discipline and Complaints Policy*.
- Every Parent/Guardian 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.