



## **SOCIAL MEDIA GUIDELINES**

The **CMFSC** recognizes and supports its members' rights to freedom of speech and expression including the use of social networks. In this context, however, each member must remember that playing and competing for **CMFSC** is a privilege, not a right. As coach, athlete or volunteer you represent **CMFSC** and you are expected to portray yourself, your team, and the Club in a positive manner at all times. Any online postings must therefore be consistent with Club guidelines.

### Guidelines:

If you participate on a social networking site, you must keep the following guidance in mind:

- Everything you post is public information – any text or photo placed online is completely out of your control the moment it is placed online – even if you limit access to your site.
- Information (including photos, videos, comments, and posters) may be accessible even after you remove it.
- Use caution when adding someone or inviting someone to be a friend.
- What you post may affect your future. Many university school admissions officers, scouts, professional teams, national governing bodies, volunteer organizations and employers review social networking sites as part of their overall evaluation of a candidate or employee. Carefully consider how you want people to perceive you before you give them a chance to misinterpret your information (including photos, videos, comments and postings).

Similar to comments made in person, **CMFSC** will not tolerate disrespectful or offensive comments and behavior online towards **CMFSC** teams, coaches, & players and opposition teams, coaches, & players.

### **Monitoring and Consequences:**

Any violation of these guidelines is subject to investigation and sanction by **CMFSC**. **CMFSC** reserves the right to determine appropriate sanctions for any violation of these guidelines (such sanctions may vary from removal of the objectionable material, suspension or dismissal).

**\*Note:** Adapted, with permission, from Simon Fraser University