

Sothern Oregon Volleyball Club (SOVC)

SOCIAL MEDIA CONTRACT



Each Player and Parent must read the [Player/Parent Handbook](#) and sign where indicated to acknowledge their understanding and acceptance of and agreement to abide by terms of this Social Media Contract.

In an effort to foster good sportsmanship and to deter the need to enforce such discipline, Southern Oregon Volleyball Club recommends the following guidelines as best practices for the use of social media by Southern Oregon players. For the purposes of these guidelines, social media means any form of electronic communication through which users create online communities to share information, ideas, personal messages, and other content, including, by way of illustration and not limitation, social networking sites such as Snapchat, Twitter, Facebook, Instagram, and Tumblr.

Southern Oregon Volleyball Club respects the right of its players to use social media. However, it is important for our players to understand the need to exercise care in setting appropriate boundaries between their personal and public online behavior and to understand that what may seem private in the digital world can often become public, even without knowledge or consent. Southern Oregon athletes who use social media must remember that any information posted reflects on the entire Southern Oregon community and are subject to discipline for any inappropriate use of social media.

While Southern Oregon Volleyball Club does not monitor student social media accounts, it has the right to act on information provided by third parties and to investigate a player's social media sites in the event of allegations of inappropriate online conduct. Finally, Southern Oregon Volleyball Club has a right to discipline players for any instance of inappropriate online conduct described below.

The following online actions are considered to be substantially or foreseeably disruptive to the Southern Oregon Volleyball Club community:

- Incriminating photos or statements depicting violence; hazing; sexual harassment; vandalism; underage drinking; selling, possessing, or using controlled substances; or any other inappropriate behaviors.
- Bullying\Threats of Violence. While Southern Oregon athletes have a right to free speech, that right is NOT unlimited. Southern Oregon players should be aware that if their conduct is deemed inappropriate, such conduct may be subject to discipline, not only by our club, but also by law enforcement agencies.
- Derogatory language or remarks about teammates, coaches, other Southern Oregon Volleyball Club members or anyone from different clubs
- General inappropriate language of a profane or sexual nature
- Engaging in or indicating knowledge of cyber bullying and/or harassing another club member or coach
- "Liking" any of the above comments or photos on Facebook or any other social networking sites indicates your approval of such comments and thereby holds you to the same standard.
- "Retweeting" or marking a tweet as a "Favorite" on Twitter also indicates your approval of inappropriate comments and thereby holds you to the same standard.
- Other inappropriate behavior as deemed so by Southern Oregon Volleyball Club.

This document serves as your warning, and any offenses that occur will immediately result in the following consequences:

1st Offense – 1 match suspension

2nd Offense – Removal from team and club for the remainder of the season

Your signature below indicates that you understand this information and the attached discipline. Furthermore, you will continue to uphold the high standards and character that is expected of all of our players.

I have read and agree to comply with all terms of this Social Media Contract. I understand and accept that any conduct seen by SOVC administrators and/or coaches as inconsistent with the terms listed above may result in disciplinary action.

Player Name (Print) _____ Date _____

Player Name (Signature) _____

Parent/Guardian Name (Print) _____ Date _____

Parent Name (Signature) _____