



## SOCIAL MEDIA POLICY & GUIDELINES FOR PLAYERS

Playing and competing for the LI Rebels / Lady Islanders is a privilege. Rebel & Lady Islander players are held in the highest regard and are seen as role models in the hockey community. As leaders you have the responsibility to portray your team and yourselves in a positive manner at all times. Sometimes this means doing things that are an inconvenience to you, but benefit the whole team.

Facebook, Twitter and other social media sites have increased in popularity globally, and are used by the majority of student-athletes in one form or another.

Student-athletes should be aware that third parties - - including the scouts, college admissions, college coaches and NCAA officials - - could easily access your profiles and view all personal information. This includes all pictures, videos, comments and posters. Inappropriate material found by third parties affects the perception of the student-athlete and the Jr. Royals program. This can be detrimental to a student-athlete's future.

Examples of inappropriate and offensive behaviors concerning participation in online communities may include depictions or presentations of the following:

- \_Photos, videos, comments or posters showing the personal use of alcohol, drugs and tobacco e.g., no holding cups, cans, shot glasses etc.
- \_Photos, videos, and comments that are of a sexual nature. This includes links to websites of a pornographic nature and other inappropriate material.
- \_Pictures, videos, comments or posters that condone drug-related activity. This includes but is not limited to images that portray the personal use of marijuana and drug paraphernalia.
- \_Content online that is unsportsmanlike, derogatory, demeaning or threatening toward any other individual or entity (examples: derogatory comments regarding another organization ; taunting comments aimed at a player, coach or team at another institution and derogatory comments against race and/or gender). No posts should depict or encourage unacceptable, violent or illegal activities (examples: hazing, sexual harassment/assault, gambling, discrimination, fighting, vandalism, academic dishonesty, underage drinking, illegal drug use).

If a player's profile and its contents are found to be inappropriate in accordance with the above behaviors, he will be subject to the following penalties:

1. Written warning
2. A hearing with President and Vice President of the Organization
3. Penalties as determined by the President of the Organization, including but not limited to possible suspension from the team.

If you are ever in doubt of the appropriateness of your online public material, consider whether it upholds and positively reflects your own values and ethics as well as the LI Rebels / Lady Islanders. Remember, always present a positive image and don't do anything to embarrass yourself, your family or your team.

By signing below you affirm that you understand the LI Rebels / Lady Islanders Organization Social Media Policy and Guidelines for it's player's and the requirements that you must adhere to as a player. Also, you affirm that failure to adhere to this policy and guidelines may result in consequences that include suspension from your team, and you may be subject to additional penalties imposed by the Long Island Amateur Hockey League or USA Hockey.

PLAYERS PRINTED NAME \_\_\_\_\_

PLAYERS SIGNATURE \_\_\_\_\_ DATE \_\_\_\_\_

PARENTS SIGNATURE \_\_\_\_\_ DATE \_\_\_\_\_