

## **KINDERSLEY MINOR HOCKEY SOCIAL MEDIA POLICY**

### **SOCIAL NETWORKING:**

Kindersley Minor Hockey refers to social media as social networking sites that are used to share information and opinions, host conversations and build relationships. Social media can take many forms, including text/words, pictures, video, audio and real-time or live discussions or chats. Social media can be blogs, social networks, chat-rooms or podcasts. Examples of social networking sites include, but are not limited to, Facebook, Twitter, YouTube, LinkedIn and Wikipedia.

### **CELL PHONES AND OTHER ELECTRONIC DEVICES:**

Cell Phones and other electronic devices are not permitted to be in sight in the dressing room (home or away). This policy applies to parents, team officials and players. Coaches have the permission of the KMH Board to ban or collect cell phones or other electronic devices from the dressing room or from the bus that the team is travelling on. It is at the discretion of the coach to allowing music playing devices to be used as long as there is no camera or video capturing capability. KMH strongly suggests that these devices not be brought to the dressing room unless absolutely necessary.

### **CONSEQUENCES:**

The recommended penalty for having an image capturing capable device in view in the dressing room or team bus is to be a one week suspension. Anyone actually caught taking, viewing or transmitting images of an offensive, abusive or illegal nature taken in in any relation to a Kindersley Minor Hockey activity including, but not limited to those activities taking place on the ice, in the dressing room, team hotel or bus will be suspended for one month minimum and subject to further disciplinary action resulting from a disciplinary hearing with the KMH Board. Any coach or manager found not to report any incident that they become aware of to the Division Coordinator will be subject to immediate suspension and subject to further discipline by the KMH Board.

KMH members, including players and their parents/ guardians are held to be responsible for all communications that occur during, or pertain to KMH activities. Any communications, messages or images arising from KMH activities that are of an offensive, abusive or illegal nature will result in a minimum one week suspension and will be reviewed by the KMH board to determine if any additional disciplinary action is necessary. KMH suggests that no posts to any social media sites be posted for a period of at least 2 hours before or after a practice or game.

Any infractions of the above policies that violate the town of Kindersley Zero Tolerance policy will result in the KMH President notifying the Town of Kindersley and thereby implementing any further actions required by the Town policy.