



Electronic Communication Policy

Electronic Communication Policy of Franklin County Family YMCA Riptide Swim Team

PURPOSE

The Franklin County Family YMCA Riptide Swim Team recognizes the prevalence of electronic communication and social media in today's world. While the Club acknowledges the value of these methods of communication, there are associated risks that must be considered when adults use these methods to communicate with minors. The following team policy is designed to place appropriate boundaries on this type of communication. Any questions or concerns about electronic communication should be addressed to the Head Coach.

GENERAL CONTENT

All communications between a coach and an athlete must be professional in nature. The content and intent of all electronic communications must adhere to the USA Swimming Code of Conduct regarding Athlete Protection.

Electronic communication should not contain or relate to:

- drugs or alcohol use;
- sexually oriented conversation or sexually explicit language
- the adult's personal life, social activities, relationship or family issues, or personal problems; and

With respect to electronic communications, electronic communication between coaches and swimmers will be transparent, accessible and professional.

Transparent: All electronic communication between coaches and athletes should be transparent. Communication should be clear and direct, and free of inappropriate innuendo.

Accessible: All electronic communication between coaches and athletes should be considered a matter of record and part of the Club's records. It is suggested that another coach or a parent be included in the communication whenever possible.

Professional: All electronic communication between a coach and an athlete should be conducted professionally as a representative of the Club. This includes word choices, tone, grammar, and subject matter that model the standards and integrity of a staff member.

ACCESSIBILITY

All communications between a coach and an athlete should be accessible. Facebook instant messaging, Snapchat, or other non-recordable instant or temporary communications are not permitted.

TEXTING & EMAIL

Athletes and coaches may communicate through email and texting, subject to the restrictions described



above. Coaches and athletes should observe common courtesy with regard to the time and frequency of communication. www.usaswimming.org/protect

RESTRICTIONS BY PARENTS ON ELECTRONIC COMMUNICATIONS

The parents or guardians of an athlete may request in writing that their child not be contacted by coaches through any form of electronic communication. The parents or guardians of an athlete may request in writing that the parent or guardian be included contemporaneously in electronic communication between a coach and an athlete.