



ARLINGTON SOCCER SOCIAL MEDIA & ELECTRONIC COMMUNICATIONS

Policy for Adults & Players

At Arlington Soccer, we like and need to communicate. Team schedules, practice locations, coach's info and results are just a few of the topics we all need for hosting games, leagues and seasons. We use all types of communications, mostly digital.

There should always be healthy communications between Coaches and Players for player and team development.

Arlington Soccer has established the below guidelines to help Coaches and Players understand what they should and should not do when communicating with each other.

What type of digital communications are we discussing?

Text, Instagram, Facebook, Twitter, TeamSnap and email are just a few of the types of digital communications for the guidelines below.

While technology will change over time, the guidelines below apply regardless of the type of electronic communication used.

Player, Coach, Parent Definitions

For purposes of these guidelines:

- A Player is an athlete under the age of 18;
- A Parent is a legal guardian of a Player, and
- A Coach includes paid and volunteer coaches, team administrators and Arlington Soccer staff, board, committee members and any volunteer.

Communications – Applies to All

1. Content must be professional in nature, soccer-related and focused on team activities.
2. Communication should be group-based (not to an individual) and available to share with a Parent and Arlington Soccer staff.
3. The preference is for all communications to go through an app like TeamSnap.
4. Private electronic communication between a Coach and Player is not allowed, unless a Parent is copied.
5. Real-time electronic communications (e.g., texting) between Coaches and Players that is permitted under these guidelines, is generally allowed between 8:00am – 9:00pm.
6. Arlington Soccer will abide by a Parent's written request that their child not be contacted through electronic communication by Arlington Soccer or by Coaches, absent emergency circumstances.

Applies to Players

1. If you need to communicate with a Coach, use a group-based tool and copy your Parent.
2. Do not send a friend-request to a Coach or accept one.
3. You can friend/like/follow official Arlington Soccer team pages.
4. Do not include your Coach in your fantasy sports league.

Applies to Coaches

1. If you need to communicate directly with a Player via electronic communication, then you must copy a Parent.
2. If a Player initiates a communication to you privately, you must copy a Parent on your reply.
3. If you communicate electronically to the entire team, then it must be on an app like TeamSnap or open/copied to the Parents.
4. You may not maintain social media connections with Players and do not accept personal page requests from Players.
5. You may not delete the content of direct electronic communication with a Player, nor may you use any app (e.g., Snapchat) that automatically deletes the content when communicating with Players.
6. The use of technology for soccer-related video is permitted if HUDL or a similar team-authorized platform is used.
7. You are encouraged to set your social media pages to restricted or private settings.

Applies to All Regarding Photos

1. Team and player photos on Team pages are allowed. We want to showcase our soccer programs.
2. Sharing photos between Players and Coaches individually is not allowed.
3. Families who do not want to have public photos posted should communicate their preferences to fans taking photos and should not be in photos.
4. When photos are taken of players, they should only be shared in a limited-access app such as the Team photo section of TeamSnap or a private Shutterfly or Google photo sharing tool.

Questions regarding this policy should be directed to info@arlingtonsoccer.com.