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# Communication Policy

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This Communication Policy establishes clear guidelines for official communication within Stealth Wrestling Club to ensure athlete safety, transparency, and consistency.

All communications must align with USA Wrestling SafeSport principles and club policies.

## 1. Official Communication Platforms

*Stealth Wrestling Club uses designated platforms for official communication, including:*

- *TeamLinkt (primary platform).*
- *Email (when applicable).*
- *In-person meetings at practices or events.*

*Families are responsible for:*

- *Maintaining accurate contact information.*
- *Regularly checking official communication platforms.*
- *Responding in a timely manner when necessary.*

*The club is not responsible for missed information due to outdated contact details or failure to monitor official communication channels.*

## 2. Communication with Minor Athletes

*In accordance with SafeSport guidelines:*

- *Coaches and staff will use transparent and observable communication methods.*
- *When communicating electronically with minor athletes, a parent or guardian will be included when required by SafeSport standards.*
- *One-on-one electronic communication with minor athletes will comply with USA Wrestling SafeSport policies.*

*Private, secretive, or inappropriate communication with minor athletes is strictly prohibited.*

## 3. Parent-to-Coach Communication

*Parents are encouraged to communicate respectfully and professionally.*

*When raising concerns:*



- *Schedule a conversation outside of active practice or competition times.*
- *Avoid confronting coaches during live matches or instruction.*
- *Address issues calmly and through appropriate channels.*

*Coaches may decline to discuss athlete matters during active competition.*

#### **4. Athlete Communication Expectations**

*Athletes are expected to:*

- *Communicate respectfully with coaches and staff.*
- *Follow established communication channels.*
- *Include a parent/guardian when required for electronic communication.*

#### **5. Social Media & Public Communication**

*Participants are expected to:*

- *Avoid posting content that reflects poorly on the club, athletes, or program leadership.*
- *Avoid sharing confidential or sensitive information.*
- *Follow SafeSport guidelines related to online interactions.*

*Online harassment, bullying, or inappropriate public commentary may result in disciplinary action.*

#### **6. Emergency Communication**

*In the event of urgent matters:*

- *Follow instructions provided through official communication platforms.*
- *Emergency contact information must remain current.*
- *Immediate safety concerns should be directed to emergency services when appropriate.*

#### **7. Confidentiality**

*Sensitive information related to medical issues, disciplinary matters and/or personal family information will be handled discreetly and shared only with individuals who have a legitimate need to know.*

#### **8. Policy Violations**

*Failure to comply with this Communication Policy may result in corrective action consistent with applicable Codes of Conduct and club policies.*