Westmoore Wrestling

Social Media Guidelines and Policy for Student-Athletes

Playing and competing for Westmoore Wrestling is a privilege. Our student-athletes are held to a high standard and are seen as representatives not only of this school but also as this community. As leaders you have the responsibility to represent your team, your school 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, Instagram, Hudl and other social media outlets are extremely popular and are used by most if not all of our student-athletes in one way or another. Due to the popularity of these sources our student-athletes need to be aware that third parties (that is people outside of your circle of friends) can gain access to your social media accounts despite how “private” you think they may be. This includes and may not be limited to all pictures, posts, comments, video, etc. The perception given by your posts, or what you allow others to post on your social media outlets not only represent you as part of this program but the program, school, and district as a whole. You need to be aware that any and all material posted on your social media will determine perceptions of you as a student and athlete and that the things you allow could prohibit you in your future endeavors whether in the workplace or in the athletic realm. It is very popular for colleges, universities, and businesses to check all social media of people they are looking to bring into their schools or companies.

Examples of inappropriate use of social media:

Any photos, videos, comments or posts showing the personal use of alcohol, drugs and tobacco etc.

Any photos, videos, and comments that are of an explicit nature.

Any unsportsmanlike comments such as derogatory language or remarks that may harm teammates or coaches; other Westmoore student- athletes, teachers, or coaches; and student-athletes, coaches, or representatives competing schools, including comments that may be disrespectful to opponents.

Photos or statements depicting violence; hazing; sexual harassment; full or partial nudity; inappropriate gestures; vandalism, stalking; underage drinking, selling, possessing, or using controlled substances; or any other inappropriate behaviors.

Images or statements that intentionally or unintentionally may embarrass, degrade, or subject a fellow student-athlete to ridicule.

Any information or image that could create a serious danger to the safety of another person or making a credible threat of serious physical or emotional injury/damage to another person.

Any picture of a person or persons who are unaware that their picture has been taken and posted without their approval or knowledge.

THIS IS NOT AN ALL-INCLUSIVE LIST THESE ARE EXAMPLES anything not specifically defined will be evaluated by Westmoore Coaching Staff and Administration.

Social networking sites are part of the WORLD WIDE WEB NOT a place for you to vent your opinions and frustrations without any consequences. The information you post on a social networking site is considered public information. Also, please be aware that deleted information can be retrieved and is not gone forever, so be proactive in taking care and updating your social media sites. Also, keep in mind that things that your friends, acquaintances, and family members post on your site will also reflect on you so be aware of those you are giving access.

Consequences:

**First offense**- Written Warning and conditioning workout (pending severity step maybe skipped)

**Second offense-** Meeting with Player, Parent, Coach, and Athletic Director (if deemed necessary) and a conditioning workout.

**Third offense**- Pending severity punishment will be determined by coaching staff and administration may result in dismissal from the team.

(Pending severity of offense steps may be skipped.)

In some cases, all above may be skipped and dismissal from team possible.

I the undersigned understand that I as part of the Westmoore FP Softball team I am responsible to uphold all the above stated expectations.

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Athlete Signature Date

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Parent Signature Date