**Player** **Social Media and Communication Agreement**

The purpose of this document is to educate the BAHA Community on the potential risks of the use of Social Media, Communication Platforms and Devices and to ensure all teams and Association Personnel are aware that conduct deemed inappropriate and may be subject to disciplinary action by the team, BAHA itself or Hockey Alberta if required. When using Social Media, Networking Platforms, the BAHA Community should always assume that they are representing BAHA and its members/teams.

Guidelines to be made aware of:

1. BAHA holds the entire BAHA Community who participate in Social Media, Networking, and communication mediums to the same standards as it does for all forms of media, including radio, television, and print.
2. Comments or remarks of an inappropriate nature which are detrimental to a team, the association or an individual will not be tolerated and will be subject to disciplinary action.
3. It should be recognized that social media and comments such as “texting” are on record and can be instantly published and available to the public and media. Everyone, including the association, team personnel, players, corporate sponsors, and media can review social media communications.

Social Media & Communication Violations

1. Any statement that is deemed to be publicly critical of BAHA Association Officials for detrimental to the welfare of a member team, the association, or an individual
2. Divulging confidential information that may include:

* Player injuries
* Game strategies
* Any other matter of a sensitive nature to a member team, the association, or an individual
* Negative or derogatory comments about any of the team, minor hockey association, staff programs, stakeholders, players of any members of BAHA team
* Any form of bullying, harassment, intimidation or threats against players, officials, or Board Members.
* Photographs, videos, comments promoting negative influences or criminal behaviour included but not limited to the following:
* Drug use
* Alcohol Abuse
* Public Intoxication
* Hazing
* Sextual Exploitation etc.…
* Online activity that contradicts the current policies of BAHA
* Inappropriate, derogatory, racist, or sexist comments of any kind
* Online activity that is meant to alarm other individuals or misrepresent truth or fact.

In signing this document, I am agreeing that I have read and understood the above agreement states and agree that I will follow the Social Media Policy outlined by BAHA above and as outlined in the Rules and Regulations.

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Name Date