

Maryland State Wrestling Association (MSWA) Social Media Policy

As a volunteer-based youth sports organization, the Maryland State Wrestling Association (MSWA) is committed to creating a positive and respectful environment both on and off the mat. This social media Policy provides guidance to all board members and paid partners (non-volunteer partners)(hereinafter referred to as 'members') regarding appropriate use of social media platforms to ensure the integrity and reputation of our athletes, families, and the MSWA community.

Definitions

Social media includes all websites, blogs, multi-media platforms, and networking or discussion forums used to share information electronically. This includes but is not limited to Facebook, Instagram, Twitter, TikTok, YouTube, and LinkedIn. As platforms evolve, this list may be updated accordingly.

Responsibilities

- Members must not violate MSWA's Code of Conduct in any social media activity. This Code of Conduct can be found on the MSWA website.
- Members should not engage in responding to or amplifying negative, false, or inflammatory posts about MSWA unless authorized to do so.
- Members may not share confidential, sensitive, or proprietary information regarding MSWA, its athletes, families, or any third-party partner on personal accounts or MSWA-owned accounts.
- Social media should not be used to criticize, mock, or disparage MSWA athletes, coaches, board members, parents, officials, or volunteers.
- Members may not use social media to express discriminatory or offensive remarks about any person or group based on race, gender, age, sexual orientation, religion, or any protected class.
- Members are personally accountable for the content they post and may be subject to defamation, harassment, or legal consequences.
- Participation in social media should not interfere with MSWA responsibilities, events, or youth supervision obligations.
- The MSWA has a responsibility to serve as a role model and advocate for the sport of wrestling throughout the State of Maryland. Each member is responsible for upholding that responsibility.
- MSWA reserves the right to monitor public social media content involving the organization, including content from board members and non-volunteers.

- MSWA events, announcements, campaigns, initiatives, teams, and updates where feasible should always be announced on MSWA-owned social media accounts first then amplified across member's accounts

Reporting

If any Member becomes aware of harmful, misleading, or escalating social media posts related to MSWA, such content should be promptly reported to the MSWA Executive Committee. The MSWA Executive Committee reserves the right to request that posts be removed or amended where legally permissible. Violations may result in removal from non-volunteer roles or termination of board membership.

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