

Hudson Explorers Aquatic Team (“HEAT”) Electronic Communication Policy

Purpose: To establish rules for the use of electronic communication and social media by HEAT athletes.

Section 1

- a. Athletes shall not use any device that contains built-in cameras (i.e., devices that take still or motion pictures, whether in a digital or other format) in locker rooms, shower facilities or restrooms.
- b. Athletes shall not use electronic communication or social media in any way that might reasonably create in the mind of another person an impression of being threatened, humiliated, harassed, embarrassed or intimidated.
- c. Athletes shall not transmit material that is threatening, obscene, disruptive, or sexually explicit or that can be construed as harassment or disparagement of others based upon their race, color, national origin, sex, sexual orientation, disability, age, religion, ancestry, or political beliefs.
- d. Athletes shall not engage in "sexting" - i.e., sending, receiving, sharing, viewing, or possessing pictures, text messages, e-mails or other materials of a sexual nature in electronic or any other form.

Section 2

- a. Athletes shall not use social media to contact coaches.
- b. Athletes shall not call or text coaches except to communicate issues related to the team such as illness, missing practice, or a travel delay.

Section 3

- a. Violations of this policy may result in disciplinary action up to and including dismissal from the team.
- b. Violations of this policy shall be reported to local law enforcement and children’s services as required by law.

