



PROVINCIAL WOMEN'S SOFTBALL ASSOCIATION

VIDEO STREAMING POLICY

Definitions

- a) *Athlete* – an individual who is an athlete participating in PWSA who is subject to the policies of PWSA.
- b) *Athlete Support Personnel* – any coach, trainer, manager, agent, team staff, official, medical, paramedical personnel, parent, or any other person working with, treating, or assisting an Athlete participating in or preparing for sports competition.
- c) *Minor* – an individual under the age of eighteen (18) years old.
- d) *PWSA* – Provincial Women's Softball Association.
- e) *PWSA Participants* – refers to all categories of individual members and/or registrants defined in the by-laws of PWSA who are subject to the policies, rules and regulations of PWSA, as well as all persons employed by, contracted by, or engaged in activities with, PWSA including, but not limited to, employees, contractors, Athletes, coaches, instructors, officials, volunteers, judges, Athlete Support Personnel, managers, administrators, parents or guardians, spectators, viewers, committee members, or directors and officers.
- f) *Sanctioned Games* – includes PWSA sanctioned games, and approved Member tournaments and league play

Purpose

1. The purpose of this policy is to outline PWSA's policies and procedures for the streaming of PWSA Sanctioned Games to ensure the safety, privacy and positive experience of all PWSA Participants. (Includes Member Tournaments and League Play)

Scope

2. This policy applies to all PWSA Participants.

Authorization and Consent

3. PWSA Participants may stream games, competitions or other events of PWSA provided that any video or photographs can only be streamed to the private gamechanger platform (team only) and not any other social media platform. This can only be done with the permission of the umpires and the opposing team.
4. One camera per team is allowed on the backstop fence, no video on the bench or elsewhere in the field/outfield.

5. PWSA Participants must receive permission to stream and/or take photographs by the umpire and opposing team prior to the start of any game, competition or event where Athletes may be identifiable.

Opt Out

6. PWSA Participants who do not wish to have their image or likeness streamed must opt out by contacting the PWSA and their team.
7. No PWSA team will stream content which includes a PWSA Participant who has denied their consent to be recorded, photographed or streamed.

Content Guidelines

8. Streaming content must adhere to the values of sportsmanship, respect and fair play.
9. Content that is discriminatory, offensive, or inappropriate for the intended audience (youth and families) is strictly prohibited.
10. Streaming should focus primarily on the game, competition or event and avoid any unnecessary personal commentary or intrusive footage.

Privacy and Safety

11. Personal information of Minors, including full names, addresses, or contact details, must not be disclosed during the streaming process.
12. The streaming area should be free from any hazards or obstructions that may endanger PWSA Participants. (includes drones)
13. Any concerns regarding the safety or privacy of PWSA Participants or opting out should be directed to the PWSA Privacy Officer.

Access and Distribution

14. Streaming access is limited to the gamechanger platform.
15. Distribution of streamed content and photographs on public platforms (e.g., Facebook, Instagram, Twitter, Tik Tok, or other video-sharing websites) is strictly prohibited.

Recording and Archiving

16. Recorded streams should be securely stored and archived for a reasonable period.

17. Proper measures must be taken to protect archived footage from unauthorized access or misuse.

Compliance and Enforcement

18. Violations of this policy may result in disciplinary action, including but not limited to suspension or revocation of streaming privileges.

19. All PWSA Participants involved in streaming activities are responsible for familiarizing themselves with and adhering to this policy.

Policy Review

20. This policy shall be reviewed periodically to ensure its effectiveness and relevance in the evolving landscape of streaming youth sports.

21. By adhering to this policy, PWSA aims to create a safe and enjoyable environment for all PWSA Participants.

Policy Name: Streaming Policy

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