

FORDHAM UNIVERSITY
DEPARTMENT OF INTERCOLLEGIATE ATHLETICS AND RECREATION

Policy Regarding Social Networking Sites

The Department of Intercollegiate Athletics and Recreation at Fordham University strongly discourages, but does not prohibit, Fordham student-athletes from using social networking sites such as MySpace and Facebook. We remind our student-athletes, however, that they are members of Fordham University's Department Intercollegiate Athletics and Recreation, and as such each individual student-athlete is a representative of the university. This role carries with it certain responsibilities.

Please keep the following in mind as you participate on social networking web sites:

- Before participating in any online community, understand that anything posted online is public information and as such is available to anyone world-wide. Any text or photo placed online is completely out of your control the moment it is placed online – even if you limit access to your site.
- Do not post information, photos, or other items online that could embarrass you, your team or the University. This includes information, photos and items that may be posted by others on your page.
- Be aware of who you add as a friend to your site – many people are looking to take advantage of student-athletes, while others want to get close to student-athletes to give the person a sense of membership in the team.
- Exercise caution as to what information you post on your website about your whereabouts or plans. You could be opening yourself up to predators such as stalkers, rapists and thieves.
- The University, including coaches and administrators, has the right to monitor these web sites.
- Student-athletes should refrain from posting any pictures or other information on their site which depicts violations of University or Athletic Department policies and regulations, including but not limited to violations of the University's policies as they relate to alcohol, drugs and hazing.
- Student-athletes could face disciplinary action, including but not limited to suspension or dismissal from the team, scholarship removal, University Probation, and/or suspension or expulsion from the University for violation of the University's policies, procedures or code of conduct, and/or violation of the policies and regulations of the Athletics Department and/or the NCAA.
- Information retrieved from these websites that is in violation of University and/or Athletic Department policies will be addressed through the University's judicial process and by the athletic department.