

# TASO Volleyball Social Media Recommendations

While the use of social media can be a great tool for reconnecting with friends and staying in touch with family and colleagues, we as officials should remain aware of their public nature. With that in mind, here are a few recommendations for those that use social media.

## Do's

- Remember, it isn't what is said or what is meant; it is how the word is interpreted.
- Be aware that posts are visible to the general public.
- Think twice before you post.
- Be mindful of your list of friends (coaches, booster clubs, and players).
- Remember to keep things positive.

## Don'ts

- Post any derogatory comments about players, coaches, schools, fans or fellow officials.
- Advertise where you are officiating at any time.
- Be a "cheerleader" for any school, team, coach or player.
- Post specifics about games, whether good or bad.
- Start posting after you have had a rough game.
- Post anything relating to the schools you have worked or will work.
- Post details about other people's assignments.

Remember that accountability and integrity should always be our guiding principles. Jeopardizing your impartiality or professionalism should never be a part of your actions or posts. In reality, officiating activities are topics that should not be a part of social media postings. For further information, refer to TASO's Conflict of Interest Policy, Solicitation Policy and Code of Ethical Conduct Policy.

Rule of Thumb: Would you say this to someone face to face and feel it is appropriate?

Information taken from:

- a) National Federation of State High School Associations
- b) New Mexico Officials Association
- c) USA Volleyball
- d) Chesapeake Region Volleyball Association