



SOCIAL MEDIA POLICY FOR SAHPA MEMBERS & PARTICIPANTS IN PIGEON RACING IN SA.

Purpose

Communication via online social media outlets such as facebook, twitter, blogs and forums etc. is an ever increasing way for society to communicate by creating and sharing content of a common interest. This policy provides some guidelines and expectations when using social media either as part of their job, or for personal use where reference is made to the South Australian Homing Pigeon Association, the racing pigeon fraternity, its participants and any other racing pigeon related individuals, officials, Clubs or organisations.

This policy aims to protect the interests of the pigeon racing fraternity, members, and officials of the South Australian Homing Pigeon Association (SAHPA) and the Racing Pigeon sport/fraternity of Australia. This policy is not designed to discourage people from accessing social media but rather to ensure that they are clear of their respective rights and responsibilities. This policy does not apply where members engage in the personal use of social media where no reference to the SAHPA or anything related to the pigeon racing sport/fraternity is made.

Scope

This policy applies to all participants, officials and members of the SAHPA.

What is Social Media?

Social media avenues include, however are not limited to:

- Social network websites such as Facebook, Bebo, Friendster
- Photo and Video sharing websites such as Flickr, Youtube, Snapchat
- Blogging applications such as Twitter
- Discussion boards, blogs and chat forums
- Online newspapers allowing for comments to be made
- Instant or SMS type messaging
- Other websites that allow persons to use publishing tools

Use of Social Media

Social Media should not be used for any of the following:

- To publish or make comments that are detrimental to the SAHPA or any of its members;
- To direct abuse or inappropriate comments about other individuals or clubs that participate in the SAHPA or Racing Pigeons in Australia;
- To breach any of the rules, constitution or code of practice as members of the SAHPA;
- To assume or use the identity of another member or official;

- To publish any information that is related to the SAHPA that is confidential in nature or is part of any ongoing inquiry or investigation;
- To make any comment or post that is or could be considered to be offensive, abusive, racist, threatening, discriminatory, bullying, defamatory or disrespectful to another person or body in the SAHPA or racing pigeon fraternity of Australia.

Associated Rules/Code of conduct of the SAHPA SAHPA Constitution Section 9

TERMINATION OF MEMBERSHIP 9.

1) The Committee of Management of the Association may in its absolute discretion endorse, refuse to endorse or otherwise rule upon all disqualifications or suspensions by associated clubs or members of such clubs.

Notice in writing of any such disqualifications or suspension, shall be given by the associated club involved to the General Secretary of the Association within fourteen days from the date of such disqualifications or suspension.

2) The Committee of Management by a majority of its members present in person may in its absolute discretion resolve not to admit to membership any applicant for membership of the Association and may by such majority of its members so present resolve to expel from membership of the Association any member deemed guilty of any one or more of the following:

- a) Conduct detrimental to the Association.
- e) Conduct contrary to the best interest of the Association

Breach of Policy

Non-compliance of this policy may result in that person being called before the SAHPA COM.

The SAHPA COM reserves the right to require the immediate removal or modification of medial contents that result in a breach of this Policy.

Any queries in relation to this policy please contact SAHPA COM or General Secretary.

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