

# SOCIAL MEDIA POLICY



The Victorian Quarterscale Speedway Club's social media policy has been developed in the best interests of its members. Social networking has become an everyday interest for most people and helps promote, advertise, and connect people with a broad variety of companies, friends, family, and followers. Whilst this platform is used for the greater good in some circumstances this can also be an intrusion into some peoples Live's and views thus ending on most occasions inappropriate behavior, derogatory comments, defamation, and abuse. VQS is providing this policy and guidelines to its members to assist in following the rules whilst on any social media platform being public or private.

There are no exceptions from this policy in any sort including all social media platforms, text messaging, phone calls and/or in person. VQS and its members, volunteers and spectators have a right to feel safe in any instance whilst on any social media platform or at any meeting held by the club. This policy applies to all affiliated members representing the VQS, volunteers, pit crew, officials, parents or guardians and spectators affiliated with any VQS member.

## USAGE:

For VQS and all affiliated club members using electronic communications or social media must not contain or link to:

Libelous, defamatory, or harassing content, this also applies to the use of illustrations or nicknames.

Must not comment on or publish any information that is confidential in any way sensitive to the VQS, member's, affiliates, partners, or sponsors.

Must not bring the VQS or the sport of quarterscale racing into disrepute.

Must not unfairly criticise VQS members or affiliates.

Must not make any threats of any kind to VQS members or affiliates.

Must not contain any defamatory images depicting individuals, personal information or property of any VQS member or affiliates.

Must not contain any links to pornography or any lude images linked to any member or affiliate of VQS.

Under no circumstances should offensive, provocative, or hateful comments be made about VQS, its members or affiliates.

Use your best judgement, do not post something that makes you uncomfortable. Never publish anything when you are feeling emotional, upset or under the influence of any drugs or alcohol.

Do not comment on rumors, do not deny, or confirm them or speculate about rumors.

Always use social media forums to add value and promote the sport in a positive way.

## COMPLAINTS:

If a VQS member or affiliate of the VQS considers there has been a breach of this social media policy or has a concern, they are invited to contact the club for further consultation.

## BREACH OF POLICY:

VQS will continually monitor online activity in relation to the organisation and its members.

If there is a breach in the VQS policy this will result in disciplinary action. A breach of this policy may result in either a verbal warning or in more serious cases suspension from all social media linked to VQS, race day suspensions or can also result in cancellation of membership and a further ban on attending the venue.

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