



Monoposto Racing Club Social Media Policy Statement

Monoposto Racing Club is fully committed to promoting the safe and responsible use of social networking, to raise awareness for everyone involved in motor sport of the potential risks and to promote best practice.

1. The club may use various methods, including social media to communicate with members. Social media channels are for marketing, general information and chat only and are not considered robust enough for any official communication and only to be used as a supplementary method.
2. This policy is intended to cover social media sites, but is also applicable to any websites, blogs and forums where posts can be made.
3. Social media is a powerful communication tool but can also be an arena for non-desirable comments deliberately intended to inflame a situation.
4. Comments that bring the sport in to disrepute, are threatening, abusive, indecent or insulting may lead to disciplinary action by the club, Motorsport UK and could ultimately attract civil or criminal action.
5. Strict legal provisions apply to; protection from malicious acts; harassment; discrimination; hate; defamation; safeguarding of children and vulnerable adults; human rights and data protection breaches. These provisions apply to all communication including on social media.
6. Motorsport is a regulated sport and Motorsport UK licence holders have a specific responsibility with regard to compliance with Motorsport UK requirements.
7. Always take a considered approach before posting or replying to posts and be mindful that you should always treat any posts you make as freely and permanently available. Once posted it is often not possible to retract and comments can be reposted.
8. Confidentiality cannot be guaranteed with any social media post and must be respected and you should also ensure that your comments are not libellous, slanderous or breach any copyright laws.
9. Your comments may be read by a wider audience than you intend so it is important to be careful to ensure you comment and act appropriately.
10. If you have a disagreement with someone, even if it is legitimate, an open forum is not the place to air this. It is likely to attract unhelpful and inflammatory comments from others, often deliberately intended to wind up and make the situation worse. It is better to use traditional routes to solve issues.
11. Remember, if you make a disparaging comment about someone in a private post and subsequently that post becomes public then you are responsible for those comments and may be held to account for them.
12. As well as motorsport being a regulated sport, remember that many organisers and officials are volunteers who give their time freely. Abuse towards any official (paid or unpaid) is unacceptable and there are defined routes of appeal available if you are unhappy with a sporting decision made by an official.

13. It is recommended that you do not share your personal details on any social media sites.
14. Do not provide links to unsuitable content or sites that breach this policy.
15. As an entrant or competitor you also have a responsibility for your “team” and how they behave.
16. Be careful with “banter” as there can be a distinct difference between what you and others may find suitable or acceptable.
17. If you are acting in any official capacity you will have an enhanced responsibility and should maintain a high standard of behaviour.
18. We will ask for parental consent for any person under the age of 18 who ask to join our club or our social media sites.
19. This is not a safeguarding policy, we have a separate policy for that, however clearly there may be young or vulnerable persons using the club and other social media sites and you are reminded of your responsibilities regarding safeguarding.
20. Any safeguarding issue should be reported to the Club Safeguarding Officer:
Emma Cliffe (07787 143374 or e-mail emma@emmacliffe.uk)
21. Any Social Media issues should be reported to:
Terry Clark (07767 684164 or e-mail admin@monoposto.co.uk)

It is not all negative. Please show your personality, be approachable, share your achievements and let people know what it like to be involved in motorsport and how much you enjoy it.