



Code of Conduct & Sensible Social Media Policy

Advice for Parents and Guardians attending Pony Racing Authority Activities

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Overview

Members of the Pony Racing Authority ('PRA'), their parents and guardians as well as those accompanying them to pony racing events are the face of the sport and play a significant role in its promotion. Ensuring both they and the sport in general are subject to a positive image.

This Code of Conduct sets out the standards of behaviour expected of the parents and guardians of PRA Members as well as those accompanying them to events and is modelled on the Code of Conduct & Sensible Social Media Policy of the Professional Jockeys Association.

It also signposts the PRA's reporting procedure.

Parent & Guardian Pledge

- To have respect for and take appropriate care of ponies and their equipment.
- To treat others, including fellow parents and guardians, PRA Members, officials and spectators with respect.
- Not to discriminate on any grounds, including but not limited to gender, race, colour disability, age, sex and sexual orientation, occupation or religious belief.
- Understand and abide by the [PRA's Regulations For Pony Races.](#)
- Adhere to the PRA's Sensible Social Media Policy.

Social Media Policy

Despite the existence of privacy options, almost all content published in the form of social media is publicly accessible and it can be difficult to guarantee that any websites or platforms are fully private.

As such, always start with the assumption that anything you say, post or are involved in can be read by anyone, anywhere, at any time and remember that the Internet has a long memory.

Always exercise good judgement when posting and be aware that inappropriate comment or involvement via social media can result in negative consequences for you and the sport of pony racing, even if your link to the PRA is not mentioned in your posts.

In general terms, one aid to exercising good judgement regarding your conduct is to ask yourself these questions when considering a course of action in social media terms:

1. Would I be embarrassed if my actions were to become public knowledge?
2. Does what I am about to say, post or be involved in on social media have the potential to harm my reputation or be hurtful to others?

If the answer to either of these questions is yes, or if you are unsure of the answer, you are strongly advised to reconsider whether you should proceed with your intended course of action.

Reporting

- Members of the PRA and guardians or parents of members should report behaviour that falls short of the requirements of the Code of Conduct. Reporting should be made to a member of the PRA Team or to info@ponyracingauthority.co.uk. All reporting by a PRA member will remain confidential save where disclosure is ordered as part of any disciplinary process or is required by law.
- Courses of action resultant from the reporting of behaviours that fall short of the requirements of this Code of Conduct are detailed in the PRA's Regulations For Pony Racing.

Please view the [PRA's Regulations For Pony Races](#) to see our Safeguarding Regulations and for a reminder of the regulations governing the behaviour and actions of the parents and guardians of PRA members. .

Support

It is important to acknowledge that, in matters relating to any Child Protection incidents, it can be distressing for all involved. It is, therefore, important to be aware of sources of support and help that may be available in this situation.

The following organisations may be able to provide support:

Organisation	Contact Details
Child Protection in Sport Unit (CPSU)	Telephone Number : 0116 366 5590 Email: cpsu@nspcc.org.uk Website: www.thecpsu.org.uk
NSPCC Helpline	Telephone Number: 0808 800 5000 Email: help@nspcc.org.uk Website: www.nspcc.org.uk Online reporting: www.nspcc.org.uk/what-you-cando/report-abuse/report-abuse-online
Childline	Telephone Number: 0800 1111 Email: www.childline.org.uk/registration Website: www.childline.org.uk 1:2:1 chat: www.childline.org.uk/get-support/1-2-1-counsellor-chat
The Samaritans	Telephone Number: 116 123 Email: jo@samaritans.org Website: www.samaritans.org
Victim Support	Telephone Number: 0808 1689 111 Email: www.victimsupport.org.uk/help-and-support/get-help/supportline/email-supportline Website: www.victimsupport.org.uk Online support: www.victimsupport.org.uk/help-and-support/get-help/request-support