



The National Pony Society - Scotland

NPS Scotland Social Media and Internet Policy

Introduction

NPS Scotland and The NPS acknowledge the importance of the internet and social media sites such as Facebook, Twitter, Linked In, home web-pages, chat rooms, BBM and all other forms of electronic communication and the role which "social media" plays in the day to day lives of members.

This policy note is to remind NPS Scotland members that the Rules of the NPS apply when using social media and the internet. Failure to adhere to this policy note could lead to disciplinary action being taken.

Using Social Media

You should be aware that NPS Scotland and the NPS may from time to time carry out internet searches to identify postings which include references to NPS Scotland, the NPS and its members.

NPS Scotland and NPS produced images are the subject of copyright and should not be copied or used in social media save as provided in the NPS Scotland website user terms and conditions.

You should ensure that any material that you transmit or post to social media is clearly stated to be your personal view and is not held out to be, or could be mistaken as, the view of NPS Scotland or the NPS.

You must not post or transmit any material which could damage the name or reputation of NPS Scotland, the NPS, its members or former members, or which is derogatory to the character of or prejudicial to the interests of NPS Scotland and the NPS.

You must not post or transmit any material relating to NPS Scotland, the NPS, members or former members or their horses or ponies, or which could otherwise be associated with or which may reasonably be attributed as coming from NPS Scotland or the NPS:

- (i) that is threatening, defamatory, obscene, indecent, seditious, offensive, pornographic, abusive, liable to incite racial hatred, discriminatory, menacing, scandalous, inflammatory, blasphemous, in breach of confidence, in breach of privacy or which may cause annoyance, distress or inconvenience; or
- (ii) which constitutes or encourages conduct that would be in breach of the NPS Scotland or NPS Rules, or constitutes a criminal offence, or which could give rise to civil liability, or otherwise be contrary to the laws of, or infringe the rights of any third party in, the UK or any other country in the world.

Any non-member competing in NPS Scotland (Blair) Qualifying Rounds is subject to the NPS Scotland social media regulations and if found to be in breach of them will not be accepted as a NPS Scotland Member and will therefore be ineligible to compete at our Finals.

Email correspondence or Facebook comments between NPS Scotland and a member or non-member are intended solely for the recipient(s) and are not for copying or further distribution.

Any breach of this policy note may constitute a breach of the NPS Scotland and NPS Rules and could also lead to civil and/or criminal proceedings being brought against you.

Disclosure under Law or Regulation

You should be aware that NPS Scotland and the NPS will fully co-operate with any law enforcement authorities or court order requesting or directing NPS Scotland or the NPS to disclose the identity or locate anyone posting any material in breach of this policy. If we are requested by the police or any other regulatory or government authority investigating suspected illegal activities to provide your personal information, NPS Scotland and the NPS is entitled to do so.