SKY SURFING CLUB
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Social Media Policy

Social Media is a useful way for members to keep in touch with each other and the committee and to promote free flying. However, members must not forget that what they post on social networking sites is permanent and visible to large number of people. Think before you post!

Club Groups

This policy applies to all SSC controlled social media and communication methods, including but not limited to:

SSC Site Reports Telegram Group, SSC Flight Planning Telegram Group, SSC Chat Telegram Group, SSC Low Air Time Telegram Group, SSC Matterley Bowl Telegram Group, SSC PG Comps Telegram Group, Skysurfers Hangies Telegram Group, SSC Winch Working Telegram Group, Skysurfing club Facebook Group, Groups.io communications

Please use your full name as your online profile.

Banter and bullying

Banter, mockery, provocation, insults or edgy jokes are not the purpose of our social media groups. If you choose to engage in banter, be absolutely sure that it is appropriate for everyone who may read it. It's not fair game if the other person is not up for it - banter then becomes bullying.

Remember that the tone of comments on social media can be difficult to judge - try to be a charitable interpreter. If you consider someone is being provocative, do not rise to the bait. If you wish to complain about any communication on club channels, you can contact the club via complaints@skysurfingclub.co.uk.

Social Media Guidelines

- **Think twice before posting.** If you wouldn't want your employer, parents, friends, colleagues or future employer to see your post, don't post it.
- **Be respectful.** Be positive. Treat others the way you would like to be treated.
- **Remember many different audiences will see your posts including club members, potential members, children, members' relatives and friends.**
- **Be polite.** Swearing is not appropriate.
- **Avoid posting inflammatory, extraneous, objectionable or off-topic messages that may provoke others into an emotional response (trolling/flaming)**. Avoid topics that may be controversial, like politics, race, religion, gender and sex and gossip. Restrict your comments to flying related issues. Don't post anything that you wouldn't say openly in a workplace or in public such as comments about drug use, profanity, racial or sexual humour, ethnic slurs, personal insults, etc.
- **Be in the right state of mind when you make a post.** Don't post when you're angry, upset, or your judgement is impaired in any way. Remember, the Internet is permanent!

Consequences of not following this policy

Any member found to be in breach of the above may be warned, removed from relevant groups or expelled from the club. SSC reserve the right to delete any post or comment within any club forum, without warning or notice.