

Social Media Policy

This policy governs the publication and commentary on social media by members of HQMA. For the purposes of this policy, social media means any facility for online publication and commentary, including without limitations, blogs, social networking sites such as Facebook, X, TikTok, and YouTube. This policy is in addition to and complements any existing or future policies regarding the use of technology, computers, e-mail, and the internet.

HQMA members are free to publish or comment via social media in accordance with this policy. HQMA members are subject to this policy until written cancellation of HQMA membership or the membership period is concluded.

Notwithstanding the previous section, this policy applies to all uses of social media, including personal, by HQMA members who are drivers, handlers, family members, and otherwise related to the racing team, as their position with HQMA would be well known within the community.

Setting Up Social Media

Social media accounts directly related to HQMA are to be set up and managed only by member(s) appointed by the HQMA Board of Directors. Any social media set up by someone other than this appointed member is subject to removal and consequences set forth by the HQMA Board of Directors.

Respect HQMA, Members, Drivers, and Other Participants

What you publish will be around for a long time, so consider the content carefully. Be cautious about disclosing any information or comments.

The public in general, and HQMA's members and participants, reflect a diverse set of customs, values, and points of view. Do be open and honest but do so respectfully. This includes not only the obvious (no ethnic slurs, offensive comments, defamatory comments, personal insults, obscenity, etc.) but also proper consideration of privacy and of topics that may be considered objectionable or inflammatory. **Absolutely no profanity allowed.**

With specific note to the HQMA Members Only Telegram group, remember that though the intent is for adults only, several drivers and other participants often see or otherwise obtain access to the content of this group and the discussions. Assume that every post, comment, and photo will be seen by one of the HQMA kids. **Absolutely no use of derogatory language toward HQMA club as a whole or any member, driver, or other participant is allowed.**

Controversial Issues

If you see misrepresentations made about HQMA, its members and/or participants in any media format, you may point that out. Always do so with respect and with the facts. If you speak about others, make sure what you say is factual and that it does not disparage that party. Avoid arguments. Brawls may earn traffic, but nobody wins in the end. Don't try to settle scores or goad competitors or others into inflammatory debates. Make sure what you are saying is factually correct.

Social Media Tips

The best way to be interesting, stay out of trouble, and have fun is to write about what you know- be factual, not assumptive.

Quality matters. Use spell checker and proper language.

The speed of being able to publish your thoughts is both a great feature and a great downfall. If in doubt over a post, or if something does not feel right, either let it sit and look at it again before publishing it or ask someone else to look at it first.

Enforcement

Questionable content is subject to immediate removal by the website or social media moderator/admin and potential violations will be reviewed by HQMA Board of Director members who will then determine whether penalties, if any, will be enforced. Penalties for violations are as follows: 1st Offense- Warning 2nd Offense- 1 Race Suspension 3rd Offense- Banned until further notice *Penalties are subject to discretion of the Board of Directors. Penalties may be altered depending on the severity of the situation.

Acknowledgement of Receipt: I have read and understand the HQMA Social Media Policy.

	Print	Sign	Date
Primary Handler			
Spouse			
Driver 1			
Driver 2			
Alt. Handler			
Alt. Handler			