

Code of Conduct regarding SSVCC members use of social networking sites

We ask that members are aware that social networking websites and weblogs are in the public domain and you may have little or even no control over who has access to the information that you may post.

All SSVCC members are therefore required to review the following guidelines and bear them in mind when using social networking sites.

Personal Use of social networking

When using social networking sites for personal purposes and you identify yourself as a member of SSVCC, then:

- Do not post anything that is in breach of the clubs Rules.
- Do not post anything that demeans or could adversely affect the club
- Do not post any confidential information relating to the club. This includes information regarding club members' personal details, the clubs financial information or any internal discussions that involve specific individuals.

Members Use of social networking sites and/or internet sites that have been generated by SSVCC.

- All club members should be conscious at all times that anything posted on, or uploaded to the club's pages may well be read/seen by non-members of the club, and as such this could be seen as a reflection of the club.
- Members are requested to consider the following when posting to social media sites such as Facebook.
 - Do not post anything that may be in breach of the clubs rules.
 - Always be respectful to other users of the site as some comments may not be not easily understood.
 - Do not use a threatening tone in any of your posts. If you wish to discuss a specific issue in depth then do so in a private message, via text or directly with the member(s) concerned.
 - Do not use inappropriate / vulgar language, remember we have a growing group of young riders whose parents will also visit our page.
 - Do not post any material that may cause unnecessary offence to an individual or groups of people.
 - Consider how your post may be interpreted by others using the site

- Respect the public reputation of the club.

As a British Cycling affiliated Club we have certain duties and responsibilities to protect our club, our members and our sport. To help us comply with these duties, we ask that members do not post or upload any of the following:

- Anything that may be considered offensive, abusive, discriminatory or defamatory, including messages, cartoons, images and jokes.
- anything that harasses or could be construed as harassing the person receiving it, including messages, cartoons, images and jokes.
- Any sexually explicit or pornographic material.
- Any material which is sexist, racist, homophobic or xenophobic.
- Copyrighted material, including software and printed matter, in violation of copyright laws.
- Any material that could be considered as a chain letter or email.
- links advertising personal businesses (unless it has been pre-approved by request to the committee and may be deemed as acceptable if it is to be of benefit to the club).

As a footnote to the social media code of conduct, the committee reserves the right to remove any material posted to the pages generated by the club that may cause offence or be deemed as inappropriate.