Social media policy for LSARRC

Social media (including personal and professional websites, blogs, chat rooms and bulletin boards; social networks, such as Facebook, LinkedIn, Twitter and Instagram; video-sharing sites such as YouTube) are a common means of communication and self-expression. Social media represents: promoting positivity and support to each other in running/sporting events within the club.

It’s essential that members and parents and volunteers make informed decisions about how they use the internet, mobile phone and email communications to protect our club and our people.

Everyone involved in Lytham St. Anne’s Road Runners Club has the responsibility to safeguard its members and this includes how it uses social media communications.

**It is the responsibility of all members to:-**

1. Refrain from publishing comments about other clubs, members or officials and any controversial or potentially inflammatory subjects.

2. Avoid hostile or harassing communications in any posts or other online communications. Harassment is any offensive conduct based on a person`s race, sex, gender identity, national origin, colour, disability, age sexual orientation, veteran status, marital status, religion or any other status protected by law.

3. Clubs should identify all copyrighted or borrowed material with citations and links. When publishing direct paraphrased quotes, thoughts, ideas, photos or videos, give credit to the original publisher or author.

4. The club will be responsible for removing any derogative/offensive/inappropriate on line posts and resolving any issues causing concern.

5. The club will ensure that only invited members are permitted to join the closed Junior Facebook. Consent from the parents of Junior members shouId be sought before any photographs or images are taken and/or displayed on the Junior Facebook or LSARRC website

6. If a blogger or any other online participant posts an inaccurate, accessory or negative comment about your club or anyone associated with the club, do not reply but seek advice from England Athletics or Sport England.