



2020 PARTICIPANTS/SOCIAL MEDIA POLICY for QMA

Participant Conduct

QMA Members, families and handlers at QMA-sanctioned events are always expected to conduct themselves in a professional and non-disruptive manner.

Any QMA Members, family or handler who while at a QMA-sanctioned event that:

- Uses vulgar or derogatory language
- Verbally or physically threatens or assaults another participant, official or other person
- Engages in unsportsmanlike conduct or conduct detrimental to the sport
- Creates intentional destruction of racing facility
- Or otherwise creates a condition or circumstance which is unsafe, unfair or out of order

Shall have violated the rules and regulations of QMA and may be penalized by the local club, regional series and/or QMA Directors accordingly. A penalty may include but is not limited to probation, disqualification, suspension, or expulsion. These penalties are open to appeal to the National Board of Directors within 5 business days of the penalty, except where levied by the National Board.

Social Media

In the fast-evolving world of digital media, social media can mean many things. Social media includes all means of communicating or posting information or content of any sort on the Internet, including to your own or someone else's web blog, journal or diary, personal web site, social networking or affinity web site, web bulletin board or a chat room, whether or not associated or affiliated with QMA, as well as any other form of electronic communication.

Even though these forums may seem informal, often it is a home for people who chose to vent frustration. Ultimately, you are solely responsible for what is posted online from accounts managed by yourself, or those you may be responsible for (your children under 18). Before creating online content, yourself and/or allowing others the ability to post online content for you, consider some of the risks that may pose.

Keep in mind that any of your conduct that adversely affects QMA, our track partners, our sponsors and all other members and participants of QMA may result in disciplinary action up to and including suspension.

Does This Apply to Me?

This new Social Media policy applies to all QMA Competitors and Officials. A Competitor is a Driver, Entrant, Family Member Crew Member, or any other individual or entity who is a Member and participates competitively in a QMA Sanctioned Event. An Official is any and all authorized QMA officers or representatives. This new policy is in effect immediately and will be posted on the QMA website for members.

Know the Social Media Rules. Carefully read these guidelines and ensure your postings are consistent with these policies. Inappropriate postings that may include discriminatory remarks, harassment, and threats of violence or similar inappropriate or unlawful conduct will not be tolerated and may subject you to disciplinary action up to and including suspension.

Be Respectful Always be fair and courteous to others. Remember that the Internet archives almost everything; therefore, even deleted postings can be searched. Posts are "on the record" and available to the media, public, sponsors, and other business partners, future employers of you/your children and subject to discovery in litigation matters. Never post any rumors, speculation or information about QMA or others until an official announcement, release or other post by official social media accounts has been made to the public and media.

Don't Retaliate! QMA prohibits taking negative action against any Member or other for reporting a possible deviation from this policy or for cooperating in an investigation. Any Member who retaliates against another Member or other for reporting a possible deviation from this policy or for cooperating in an investigation will be subject to disciplinary action, up to and including termination.

Nothing in this social media policy is meant to discourage Members from exercising their rights to use social media. Social media plays an integral role in reaching out to and growing our fan base. It is a way to give fans direct interaction with QMA, drivers, teams, tracks, and sponsors. This policy, if used correctly, will only enhance and brighten this experience for all parties involved. If you have questions or need further guidance, please contact the National Board of Directors of QMA