



LEINSTER JUDO COUNCIL SOCIAL MEDIA POLICY AND GUIDELINES

This policy is designed to set out the online behaviours expected of all participants, general public and members of Leinster judo, in respect to use of Social Media administered by Leinster Council. This policy helps to protect the online reputation of Leinster judo, minimising potential risks and protecting all involved whilst encouraging members of Leinster judo and those who may use social media in a personal capacity (but who could be perceived to be connected to Leinster judo) to become involved in sharing, on their online networks, information and news of interest to the judo community. Social media is a range of online digital tools/functions that allows users to create and share content via the internet.

In Ireland, the Data Protection Act 2018 has set the age of digital consent at 16. This means that if an organisation is relying on consent as the legal basis (justification) for processing a child's personal data and the child is under 16, then consent must be given or authorised by the child's parents or guardians.

Leinster judo uses a website, Facebook and Instagram.

Leinster judo uses consent as the legal basis of processing information on our social media.

These sites are administrated and moderated. Any concerns relating to posted information **MUST** be immediately communicated to

Tomas Herink

Lydia Ritchie

Leinster Council does not accept responsibility for online activities of individual Leinster judo members or of any other member of the general public, nor can it accept responsibility for the actions or decisions of social media companies or platform owners.

The following are elements form part of Leinster Judo social media policy:

Roles and responsibilities:

- Tomas Herink will oversee social media activity and take overall responsibility for the day-to-day administration.
- Lydia Ritchie (Honorary Secretary) will assist with monitoring.
- Sergejs Maskalenko and Lucy Hickson are tasked with creative content.

The use of Leinster judo related social media:

- 1) Social media will only be used for the sharing of judo related information and news.
- 2) Comments will be monitored and taken down if deemed offensive or irrelevant as they become known to Leinster Council.
- 3) Misrepresentation of competitive achievements, professional qualifications, education, experience, eligibility, criminal records or affiliations will not be tolerated.

- 4) Only content considered appropriate for all ages should be posted.
- 5) Each person is individually responsible for what they post online.
- 6) It is not considered acceptable to disseminate false or misleading information about another member.
- 7) It is not considered acceptable to abuse another member or members through the medium of social media.
- 8) It is not considered acceptable to post or share in a manner that is injurious to Leinster Judo Council or the Irish Judo Association, or any to member thereof.
- 9) It is not considered acceptable to participate in injurious behaviour against any member or administrator of Irish Judo.
- 10) Anything posted/shared on these platforms must adhere to national legislation and privacy regulations.
- 11) Anything considered unacceptable as per 1) to 10) above, will be removed from the platform as quickly as possible. The person who posted such unacceptable content will be blocked and, if considered necessary, reported to regulatory authorities.

Posting of content in regard to Minors:

- The Data Protection Act 2018 has set the age of digital consent at 16. Parental/Guardian consent to post photographs/video/any information relating to a minor sixteen years of age or under must be explicitly obtained before posting/sharing of content which depicts said minor, directly or in the background. Minor's ages 16 to 18 years of age must give express consent. Obtaining express agreement to a consent phrase in a registration/entry form could suffice.
- All posts featuring minors (eighteen (18) years of age and under) must be related to judo activity.
- All posts featuring a minor (eighteen (18) years of age and under) must focus on the activity and not on the specific young person.
- No personal details should be revealed alongside the post of an image or a photograph/video UNLESS the minor (eighteen (18) years of age and under) is being publically acknowledged as, for example, being the recipient of an award or a personal achievement for which consent had explicitly been given.
- Group or team photos may be taken – when individual consent to photographs/videos given for that reason explicitly forms part of a club membership form provided names are not matched to the position in which the minor appears on said photograph. The relevant club takes responsibility for providing such information on request. Leinster Council must be provided with a copy of templates of such annual membership forms.
- Any suspicion of inappropriate use of images or photographs/video of minors must be reported to the moderators, to the Child Safety Officer of the IJA or to relevant statutory authorities, if deemed appropriate, upon discovery.

A guideline in respect of cyberbullying on Leinster Judo social media sites or elsewhere:

- Do not respond to abusive or bullying messages
- Talk to someone about the messages you have received if they are causing distress
- Contact the relevant social media platform and the moderator/s of the site to have any messages or images removed
- Block the offender immediately
- If deemed necessary, contact An Garda Síochána for further help

Privacy

Though the General Data Protection Regulations 2018 does not technically apply to social media used on a personal basis, LEINSTER Judo expects all contributors to respect and to abide by the following privacy principles:

- General Data Protection Regulation (GDPR) rules must be followed in respect of the use of any personal data collected. This refers to any information, names, contact information, photographs etc. which could be used to identify a person.
- Information collected will be used solely for the purpose for which it was collected. In short, to encourage the sharing, for mutual benefit, of judo information relating to Leinster with both Leinster judo members as well as with the wider judo community.
- Always obtain express permission before using any photographs of members on websites or social media pages (for example, using a consent phrase in a registration/entry form). Should a player not consent, the player's image may not under any circumstance, be used. The only exemption being, as per the paragraph in this document titled, **Posting of content in regard to Minors sixteen (16) years of age or under (Parental/Guardian consent required)** and provided such adheres with said paragraph, group or team photographs.
- Respond appropriately if members or other individuals object to any use of their personal information or request deletion of such information.
- An individual may request own data to be corrected, erased or restricted by contacting one or both of the moderators identified on page 1.
- An individual may withdraw consent as consent is the basis for personal data being processed by contacting one or both of the moderators identified on page 1.
- An individual may lodge a complaint by contacting one or both of the moderators identified on page 1 or by contacting a statutory authority.

This Policy will be reviewed by Leinster Council on an annual basis.

References:

[Sport Ireland Social Media Guidelines](#)

[IIA Code of Ethical Conduct](#)

E. Communication

[IIA Communications Policy](#)

[GAA Social Media, Policy and Guidelines](#)