WELCOME TO THE OFFICIAL OLYMPICS SOCIAL COMMUNITY GUIDELINES

JOIN US IN CELEBRATING THE SPIRIT OF OLYMPISM!

The International Olympic Committee (IOC) is dedicated to maintaining the spirit and values of the Olympics, as outlined in the Olympic Charter, in our social media spaces. This means we encourage respectful and on-topic discussions, free from offensive language and personal attacks.

We invite you to familiarise yourself with the Olympic Charter, which guides our principles.

Here's how you can contribute to our vibrant and inclusive online space:

CHAMPION FAIR PLAY AND RESPECT: We encourage you to share your thoughts in a manner that upholds the Olympic values of excellence, friendship, and respect. Let's support each other with positive and constructive comments.

CELEBRATE DIVERSITY AND INCLUSION: Our community is a tapestry of diverse cultures, backgrounds, and perspectives. We welcome your unique voice and encourage discussions that honour our differences.

FOSTER A NEUTRAL SPACE: While we appreciate your passion, let's keep our community politically neutral and focused on the joy of sports.

UPHOLD HUMAN DIGNITY: Your words have power. Use them to uplift and inspire, respecting the dignity of all individuals.

BUILD BRIDGES, NOT WALLS: Let's contribute to a peaceful and friendly environment where everyone feels welcome and valued.

RESPECT CREATIVITY AND ORIGINALITY: Celebrate the creative spirit by respecting intellectual property rights. Share your own work or give proper credit to others.

In keeping with these principles, we may need to intervene in cases where posts or users violate our guidelines. These guidelines also align with the terms set by major social media platforms like Twitter, Facebook, Instagram, LinkedIn and YouTube.

In line with our principles, we reserve the right to **report, remove, or block posts or users** that breach our policy.

KEY GUIDELINES TO REMEMBER

DEFAMATION: Avoid comments that could damage someone's reputation. This includes making statements that incite hatred, contempt, ridicule, or lower their esteem in society.

HARASSMENT AND PRIVACY: We do not tolerate harassment of individuals or groups.

RACISM: Racist comments or offensive behaviour towards any group are not acceptable.

GENDERISM: Comments and behaviours that are disrespectful and harmful to any gender will not be accepted.

LGBTQ+: We are a diverse and inclusive community, and making defamatory comments about others' sexual orientations will not be tolerated.

CONTEMPT OF COURT: Refrain from discussing ongoing court proceedings.

SEXUAL/PORNOGRAPHIC CONTENT: Explicit sexual content is off-limits.

IMPERSONATION: Impersonating staff, experts, or officials of the Olympics or the public is prohibited.

RELIGION: Discussions about religion are considered off-topic.

PEOPLE WITH DISABILITIES AND MINORITY GROUPS: Stereotyping or inflammatory comments are not permitted.

OBSCENITY AND INDECENCY: Posts containing offensive material, including extreme swearing and hate speech, will be removed.

COPYRIGHT: Respect the copyright of others. Directly copying content without permission is not allowed.

PERSONAL DETAIL EXCHANGE: Do not share or ask for personal contact details.

GEOGRAPHIC/LOCATION REFERENCES: Only general area names are acceptable; specific location details are not allowed.

CRITICISM OF THE IOC: Constructive criticism is welcome, but abusive content or attacks directed towards individuals will be removed.

COMMERCIAL ACTIVITIES AND PROMOTION: Advertising, promotion and unauthorised commercial use of the community is not allowed.

PRODUCT REVIEWS AND CRITIQUES: Be cautious when criticising products or services to avoid defamation.

VIOLENCE: Content inciting violence or criminal activities is not permitted.

DRUGS AND SMOKING: Messages encouraging the use of drugs and smoking are not allowed.

STEREOTYPES: Avoid perpetuating stereotypes and negative portrayals.

DESTRUCTIVE SPAMMING: Repetitive, irrelevant messages are not acceptable.

INAPPROPRIATE USERNAMES: Choose respectful and appropriate nicknames.

BREACH OF CONFIDENCE: Respect confidentiality, especially regarding employment and sensitive information.

USER PROFILE IMAGES: Profile pictures that could cause extreme offence are prohibited.

Note for Repeat Offenders: Persistent violation of these policies may lead to being blocked from our online communities.

Together, we can create an inspiring and positive space that reflects the true spirit of the Olympic Movement. Let's connect, share, and celebrate the best in us!

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