



**\*\*\*\*ShowjumpingIreland Statement\*\*\*\***

Dear Members,

It has been brought to the attention of ShowjumpingIreland by several concerned members that various items of correspondence, statements and recordings are being distributed and circulated in what some consider to be a campaign to cause harm or damage to members or officials of ShowjumpingIreland and that this circulated material contains erroneous and inaccurate information. Items contained within are also subject to formal ShowjumpingIreland procedures and the circulation and distribution of same may be considered a breach of ShowjumpingIreland Rules and Regulations.

ShowjumpingIreland condemns such actions and reminds all members that there are robust procedures in place to address concerns raised by members in relation to such matters. ShowjumpingIreland can also assure members that it has in place a documented Complaints handling and Disciplinary processes to ensure that all concerned parties are afforded unbiased and fair consideration.

It is also important to note that the ShowjumpingIreland Board and Committees all operate within the regulations applicable to them and a comprehensive set of Codes of Conduct and Manuals are available to them to ensure that the Board and Committees are appraised of their duties and responsibilities.

In relation to the concerns raised to ShowjumpingIreland relating to the circulation of various items ShowjumpingIreland wishes to make clear that it again condemns such behaviour and actions. All members are reminded that it is every member's responsibility to uphold the good standing of the sport and organisation. Where evidence of wrongdoing is provided, appropriate actions will be taken, members must also be aware that where they could be considered to have been involved in any process that sets out to cause damage, harm, or make comments which are offensive, threatening, derogatory, obscene, indecent, seditious, pornographic, abusive, disparaging, racist, discriminatory, menacing, inflammatory, blasphemous and are made on any social media arena and either directly or indirectly involves SJI, its members, associates, staff or sponsors shall be deemed to be in breach of the members code of conduct which will result in the matter being dealt with by the Disciplinary Committee.

Further to the above procedures members should also be aware that they may make themselves legally liable personally through their participation in the distribution and /or circulation of any such material or documentation.

ShowjumpingIreland would therefore ask that all members ensure that they do not partake in activity that can cause damage, harm or distress to either the sport or directly to any individual member of the Association or their family members.

\*\*\*ENDS\*\*\*

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