Privacy Policy

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1. Introduction

The Virtual Sports Car Association (VSCA) takes the protection of personal data very seriously.

This Privacy Policy explains how VSCA collects, processes, uses, and protects personal data of its members, participants, and website visitors. It also describes the purposes for which personal data is processed, the legal bases for such processing, and the rights of individuals under applicable data protection laws, including the European Union General Data Protection Regulation (GDPR) and the UK GDPR.

VSCA operates as a non-commercial sim racing league and community. Personal data is collected and processed solely to enable the organization, administration, and presentation of VSCA racing events, drivers, teams, and historical competition records. This includes operating member accounts, managing participation in events, publishing results and standings, maintaining sporting integrity, and providing transparent and authentic coverage of VSCA activities on the VSCA website and related platforms.

Participation in VSCA requires the processing and public presentation of certain personal data, such as real names, competition results, and profile information, in a manner comparable to real-world motorsport series. This public visibility is an essential and mandatory condition of VSCA membership.

By registering for a VSCA membership and using VSCA services, members acknowledge that they have been informed about the processing of their personal data as described in this Privacy Policy. If a person does not agree with these terms, participation in VSCA is not possible.

VSCA is committed to processing personal data transparently, responsibly, and in accordance with applicable data protection laws.

2. Controller

The controller responsible for the processing of personal data under the General Data Protection Regulation (GDPR) and the UK GDPR is:

Virtual Sports Car Association (VSCA)

Operated as a non-commercial hobby project

Operational Manager: Benjamin Fischer & The Organizers

Email: **admin@vscaracing.com**

Website: **https://www.vscaracing.com**

VSCA is not a registered company and does not pursue commercial interests.

3. Scope of This Privacy Policy

This Privacy Policy explains how VSCA processes personal data when you:

- Visit the public VSCA website
- Register for a VSCA membership
- Use the VSCA Paddock (members-only area)
- Participate in VSCA racing series, sessions, or events
- Interact with VSCA services, including communication and race administration

VSCA processes personal data exclusively for the organization and operation of sim racing competitions and related community services.

4. Legal Bases for Processing

VSCA processes personal data based on the following legal grounds (Article 6 GDPR):

- **Art. 6(1)(b) GDPR – Performance of a contract**
  Processing necessary for VSCA membership, participation in events, and access to services.
- **Art. 6(1)(f) GDPR – Legitimate interests**
  Processing necessary for operating a competitive racing league, publishing results and standings, maintaining sporting integrity, security, and historical records.

Consent is not used as the primary legal basis unless explicitly stated.

5. Categories of Personal Data Processed

5.1. Mandatory Data (required for membership)

The following data must be provided to create and maintain a VSCA membership. Without this data, membership is not possible:

- First name
- Middle name (initial)
- Last name
- Nationality
- Email address
- Hometown (city, state, country)
- iRacing Customer ID (iRacing ID)
- Discord User ID
- Year of Birth
- Personal biography / sim racing career summary
- Password (stored only in hashed form)

5.2. Optional Data

The following data may be provided voluntarily and is not required for membership:

- Profile picture
- Website URL
- Social media links (Facebook, X/Twitter, Bluesky, Instagram, YouTube, Twitch)

If provided, optional profile data such as profile pictures, personal biographies, social media links, and age may be displayed on public member and driver profile pages.

5.3. Competition and Sporting Data

- Race results, standings, statistics, and classifications
- Session participation data (practice, qualifying, race, test sessions)
- Team membership history and sporting achievements
- Penalties, stewarding decisions, and official records

5.4. Technical and Log Data

- IP address
- Browser and client information
- Date and time of access
- Security and administrative logs

IP address and client logs are retained for a maximum of **two (2) years**, unless required longer for security or incident investigation purposes.

6. Purpose of Processing

Personal data is processed for the following purposes:

- Managing VSCA memberships and user accounts
- Organizing and administering racing series and events
- Publishing race results, standings, statistics, and official communications
- Enforcing sporting regulations and eligibility requirements
- Verifying minimum age requirements (16 years for membership, 21 years for team managers)
- Operating member profiles on the public website and the VSCA Paddock
- Technical security, abuse prevention, and system administration
- Presenting public member and driver profiles, including biographical information, profile images, social media links, and age, as part of VSCA's community and competition presentation.
- Communication with members regarding VSCA-related matters

7. Age Verification

VSCA uses year-of-birth information solely to verify compliance with minimum age requirements:

- Minimum age for VSCA membership: **16 years**
- Minimum age for VSCA team managers: **21 years**

Year of birth is stored but not displayed publicly or within member profiles.
Member profiles display age only.

Automated checks related to age eligibility are rule-based and do not constitute profiling or automated decision-making with legal or similarly significant effects.

8. Publication of Names, Results, and Profiles

Participation in VSCA requires the use of **real names**.

VSCA publicly displays member names, ages, profile pictures (if provided), personal biographies, social media links (if provided), team names, race results, standings, and historical participation records.

Optional profile elements are displayed only if voluntarily provided by the member.

This publication is a **mandatory condition of membership** and is based on VSCA's legitimate interest in maintaining sporting integrity and historical accuracy.

Where optional profile data is provided by a member, its public display forms part of the mandatory public profile associated with VSCA membership.

Public profile visibility cannot be opted out of. If a member no longer agrees to this condition, membership must be terminated.

9. Data Retention

VSCA retains personal data as follows:

- **Active members:** Data is retained for the duration of membership.
- After membership termination (upon deletion request):
    - All personal data is deleted **except**:
        - First name
        - Middle name
        - Last name
        - iRacing Customer ID
        - Historical race results, standings, and statistics
    - IP address and client logs are deleted.

- **Sporting records:**

  Names, iRacing IDs, results, and statistics are retained permanently to preserve the integrity of VSCA's historical competition records.

10. Right to Erasure and Membership Termination

Members may request deletion of their personal data at any time by contacting **admin@vscaracing.com**.

If deletion is requested:

- All deletable personal data is removed from VSCA systems.
- The member's VSCA membership is **automatically terminated**.
- Historical sporting records containing the member's name and iRacing ID are retained permanently for legitimate interest reasons.

Complete deletion of historical competition records is not possible once a member has participated in at least one official VSCA session.

11. Data Recipients and Third-Party Services

VSCA does not sell or rent personal data.

Personal data may be processed by the following service providers where technically necessary:

- Web hosting and mail hosting provider
- **Google Drive** (administrative documents and race-related files)
- **Discord** (communication, role management, race administration)
- **Cloudflare CDN** (performance and security)
- **iRacing API** (retrieval of racing-related data and statistics)
- Live Broadcasting Service Provider
- **PayPal** (where applicable for financial transactions)
- **Social Media** (Facebook, X/Twitter, Instagram, YouTube, Bluesky, Twitch)
- Embedded media providers (YouTube, Twitch, Streamable)

12. International Data Transfers

VSCA services involve data processing in the United States.

Appropriate safeguards are in place, including:

- Data Processing Agreements (DPAs)
- EU Standard Contractual Clauses (SCCs)
- UK GDPR transfer mechanisms where applicable

These safeguards ensure an adequate level of data protection.

These safeguards apply in particular to hosting, content delivery, communication, broadcasting, and administrative service providers located outside the European Union.

13. Cookies and Embedded Content

VSCA uses essential cookies and functional cookies only.
Anonymous website statistics are generated using Awstats.

Embedded third-party content (e.g. YouTube, Twitch) may set cookies according to the providers' own privacy policies.

For more information, please refer to the **Cookie Policy** on the VSCA website.

14. Security Measures

VSCA applies appropriate technical and organizational measures, including:

- HTTPS encryption
- Secure password hashing
- Restricted administrative access
- Encrypted administrative connections

In the event of a personal data breach, affected members will be informed without undue delay.

15. Your Rights

Under GDPR and UK GDPR, you have the right to:

- Access your personal data
- Rectify inaccurate data

- Request erasure or restriction of processing
- Object to processing based on legitimate interests
- Receive a copy of your personal data

Requests can be made via **admin@vscaracing.com**.

VSCA will respond within one month.

16. Right to Lodge a Complaint

You have the right to lodge a complaint with a supervisory authority, in particular in the EU or UK member state of your habitual residence, place of work, or place of the alleged infringement.

17. Changes to This Privacy Policy

This Privacy Policy may be updated as required.

The current version is always available on the VSCA website.