

British Amateur Television Club

Online Services

‘Terms of Service’

(As required by the Online Safety Act, 2023)

The British Amateur Television Club (hereinafter ‘BATC’) offers a number of online services to its members and to any other persons interested in aspects of amateur television. Some of these services are “Regulated User to User Services” (‘U2U’) under the Online Safety Act, 2023.

The regulated U2U services are:

- The BATC Forum
- The BATC Wiki
- The BATC online video streaming services
- The BATC chat services
- The BATC DXSpot.TV

The main BATC website does not constitute a U2U service under the Act.

Liability

BATC is an amateur organisation, run by its members. It provides all of its services in good faith but accepts NO liability for the accuracy of any information found within its entire online presence. Users must take steps to verify the accuracy of any information before relying on it for any purpose.

Responsibility of users of the BATC online services

BATC online users should all try to protect one another from illegal online content. Users should help BATC keep the services safe by promptly reporting any illegal activity or abuse of the services. See below for details of how to report illegal content.

Protecting our online users

Minimising the length of time that illegal content is present on our services

In respect of terrorism content, child sexual abuse content and other priority illegal content (and indeed, any other unpleasant material or comments) our actions will be identical. We will minimise the length of time such content remains on our services in the following way:

- We have a number of the Committee monitoring the Forum posts (as they happen) by an RSS feed
- We have taken steps to advise our membership to be alert to illegal content and to notify the secretary immediately if such content is found.
- We have created an ‘Online Safety’ banner on the club website. Within this there are clear reporting instructions.
- The number of our permitted Wiki contributors have been purged down to a trusted group to prevent illegal material appearing in the first instance
- Guest access to stream chats have been disabled on all accounts. Administrators are able to enable guest access on a limited time basis for special events when the chat will be closely monitored for illegal activity.

- Members have been made aware, through a CQ-TV article and an all-members e-mail, that they are responsible for the legality of the content of their video streams.

How we will swiftly take down illegal content.

The procedures for taking down illegal content are described in the BATC Incident Handling document published on the BATC Website

Proactive technology to identify illegal content

The BATC has no such technology. We judge that, given the size and nature of our club and its services, we have proportionate systems and processes to protect our online U2U users.

Online safety Risk Assessment

We have conducted an online safety Risk Assessment, as required. The assessment scored 'Low' and 'Negligible' risks across the range examined. The assessment document can be found on the club website under the 'Online Safety' banner.

Processes for the handling and resolution of complaints

The procedures for the handling and resolution of complaints, and any subsequent appeals, are described in the BATC Incident Handling document published on the BATC Website

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