



## **Position Statement on Cyberbullying and "Doxxing" Activities Against our Registrants**

To all members of the public and fellow professionals in the Sports Therapy profession:

Recently, the Association has noted that a specific account on the social media platform Threads has consistently published a series of misleading and defamatory remarks regarding the Association and the Sports Therapy profession. These actions have escalated from mere commentary to "doxxing" activities targeting individual Registered Sports Therapists of the Association, causing severe harm to the privacy, mental well-being, and professional reputation of the affected registered members.

In response to the situation, the Association hereby issues the following solemn statement:

### **1. Legal Recourse and Reporting Actions**

Regarding the malicious doxxing behavior by the said Threads account, the Association has formally filed a report with the Office of the Privacy Commissioner for Personal Data (PCPD). Under the Personal Data (Privacy) Ordinance, disclosing an individual's personal data without consent with the intent to cause specified harm or psychological harm constitutes a criminal offense. The Association is currently maintaining close communication with the PCPD and continues to submit supplementary evidence to pursue legal accountability and protect the legitimate rights of our members.

### **2. The Association's Position and Recommended Actions**

The Association expresses deep regret and strongly condemns all forms of cyberbullying and doxxing. We reiterate that the internet is not a place beyond the law; any exchange of professional opinions should be built upon a foundation of facts and mutual respect.

- Advice for Affected Members: Immediately take screenshots as evidence, refrain from engaging in any arguments with the perpetrator, report the activity to the platform, and seek assistance from the PCPD or the Hong Kong Police Force.
- Association Support: We will provide necessary professional advice and legal support guidance to affected registered members.

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### **3. Appeal for Inter-professional Collaboration and Mutual Respect**

Progress in the fields of sports medicine and rehabilitation relies on the collaboration and mutual understanding of professionals across various sectors. The Association sincerely urges all parties—whether on public platforms or in private exchanges—to prioritize "patient well-being" as the core value. We must respect each other's professional scopes and replace mutual attacks or defamation with constructive communication. Malicious smearing not only damages the image of a single profession but also weakens public confidence in the industry as a whole.

The Association will remain steadfast in its duties to safeguard the professional status and legitimate rights of our Registered Sports Therapists in Hong Kong, and we are committed to fostering a healthy and civilized environment for professional development.



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