



Cookie Policy

Cookies and similar technologies we use, and how to control them.

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2.1 About This Policy

This Cookie Policy explains how The Sporting Network LTD ("we", "our", "us") uses cookies and similar technologies on our website at thesportingnetwork.com and in our mobile applications (together, "the Platform"), and how you can control them.

It should be read alongside our Privacy Policy, which explains more fully how we handle personal data. This Policy is issued in compliance with the Privacy and Electronic Communications Regulations 2003 (PECR) and the UK General Data Protection Regulation (UK GDPR).

2.2 What Cookies and Similar Technologies Are

A cookie is a small text file placed on your device by a website. Local storage, session storage, cache storage and IndexedDB are similar mechanisms built into your browser that allow a website to store information on your device. Mobile apps do not use browser cookies, but they use device storage and device identifiers — including advertising identifiers such as the Android Advertising ID and Apple's identifier for advertisers — which serve comparable purposes.

SportNet uses very few traditional cookies. Almost everything we store on the website uses local storage or cache storage instead. Throughout this Policy we use "cookies" as shorthand for all of these technologies, and the tables below name the specific storage type in each case.

2.3 Your Choices

The website sets no analytics or advertising storage of any kind. We previously used PostHog for product analytics and a Google Ads tag for campaign measurement. Both have been removed. No third party receives information about your browsing on our website.

What remains falls into two groups. Strictly necessary items are set automatically, because the Platform cannot function without them — these do not require your consent under PECR. Functional items are set as you use the features that rely on them, such as saving a draft message or remembering an account you have signed into.

You can change your mind at any time:

- **On the website** — sign in and open Settings, where you can review and change your storage preferences. If you are signed out you will need to sign in first, because these settings belong to your account.
- **In your browser** — you can block or delete cookies and clear site storage through your browser settings. Blocking strictly necessary storage will prevent you from signing in and using the Platform, and clearing site storage will sign you out and remove any saved accounts.
- **In the mobile apps** — you can reset or limit your advertising identifier in your device settings (iOS: Settings → Privacy & Security → Tracking; Android: Settings → Privacy → Ads). You can also turn off push notifications and revoke location permission at any time in your device settings.

Refusing non-essential storage will not restrict your use of the Platform.

2.4 Categories We Use

- **Strictly necessary** — required for the Platform to work, including keeping you signed in, delivering the service securely, enforcing our age requirements, and remembering your choices. These do not require consent.
- **Functional** — remember preferences and convenience details, such as your recent searches or the accounts you have signed into.
- **Analytics** — help us understand which screens and features are used. Used in the mobile apps only. Never used on accounts held by users under 18.
- **Advertising** — measure whether our own advertising campaigns are working. Used in the mobile apps only. We do not display third-party advertising anywhere on the Platform, and we do not sell your data to advertisers. Never used on accounts held by users under 18.
- **Third-party content and services** — content or functionality served by another organisation, such as map tiles or identity verification. Loading this content shares your IP address with that organisation.

2.5 Website — thesportingnetwork.com

Strictly necessary

ITEM	STORAGE TYPE	PURPOSE	DURATION
sb-<project>-auth-token	Local storage (Supabase)	Keeps you signed in as you move around the site. Holds your session tokens and account identifier.	Until you sign out or clear browser storage
sportnet_cookie_consent	Local storage	Records the choice you made about storage so we do not ask again.	Until you change it or clear browser storage
sportnet-active-tab	Local storage	Detects when SportNet is open in more than one browser tab, so we can warn you about session conflicts.	Cleared when you close the tab
sportnet_language	Local storage	Remembers your chosen language. Written before you answer any storage prompt, because the interface has to render in a language the moment the page opens.	Until you clear browser storage
sportnet_early_access sportnet_early_access_exp	Local storage	Records that you entered the early-access password, and when that access expires.	30 days, or until you sign out
sn_underage_rejected_v1	Local storage	Records that a sign-up was refused because the date of birth entered was under 13, so the form cannot immediately be retried with a different date. A timestamp only — no other information is kept.	Retained, by design

sportnet_analytics_blocked_v1	Local storage	Records that analytics must remain switched off for this device, because the account holder is under 18 or their age is not yet known.	Until the account is confirmed as belonging to an adult
sportnet:msg-drafts:<user>	Local storage	Keeps messages you have typed but not sent, so they are not lost if you navigate away or close the tab.	Removed when no drafts remain
chunk_reload chunk_reload_at	Session storage	Prevents a repeating reload loop if part of the site fails to download.	Until you close the tab
sportnet:feed-scroll	Session storage	Returns you to your place in the feed when you navigate back.	Until you close the tab
workbox-precache-v2-...	Cache storage	Stores the core application files so the site loads quickly and continues to work on a poor connection.	Replaced with each new release
app-assets	Cache storage	Stores our own JavaScript, stylesheets, fonts and bundled images as they are first requested. No personal data, no user-uploaded content.	30 days, up to 300 files
workbox-expiration	IndexedDB	Housekeeping information that tells the browser when the caches above should expire.	Managed automatically

Functional

ITEM	STORAGE TYPE	PURPOSE	DURATION
sportnet_profile_cache_v1	Local storage	Stores a copy of your own profile so that pages load without fetching it again. This includes your date of birth.	Until you sign out
sportnet_saved_accounts	Local storage	Remembers up to five accounts you have signed into — email address, display name and profile picture — so you can switch between them without signing in again.	Until you remove the account or clear browser storage
sportnet_remembered_email	Local storage	Stores your email address so it is filled in next time. Written only if you tick "Remember me".	Until you sign in with the box unticked
sportnet_recent_searches	Local storage	Your ten most recent searches, so they can be offered again.	Until you clear them
sportnet_recent_reaction_emojis	Local storage	The six emoji you last used to react to a message.	Until you clear browser storage

sportnet_profile_nudge_dismissed_at	Local storage	Records when you dismissed the prompt to finish your profile, so it is not shown again straight away.	Until you clear browser storage
sportnet:team-activity-viewed:<user>	Local storage	When you last opened each team's Activity tab, so new items can be marked as unread.	Until you clear browser storage
supabase-images	Cache storage	Stores profile pictures, cover images and post media you have already viewed, so they appear instantly next time. This holds images of other people, kept on your device.	7 days, up to 200 images
sidebar:state	Cookie	Remembers whether the navigation sidebar is expanded or collapsed. Set only on pages that use the collapsible sidebar.	7 days

Third-party content and services

PROVIDER	TYPE	WHAT HAPPENS	STORAGE SET
OpenStreetMap Foundation (map tiles and Nominatim)	Third-party content	Displays map tiles on event pages, and provides location search. When map images load, your IP address is sent to OpenStreetMap servers. When you type a venue, address or postcode into an event, or use "use my location", that text or your coordinates are sent to them as well.	None set by us
Persona Identities, Inc.	Third-party script	Runs identity verification. The script is loaded from cdn.withpersona.com when the verification section of your Settings page is displayed — that is, before you choose to start verifying. See Privacy Policy section 1.16.	Set by Persona during verification
Google	Sign-in	Only if you choose "Sign in with Google". You are redirected to Google, which sets its own cookies on its own domains.	Set by Google, on Google domains
Apple	Sign-in	Only if you choose "Sign in with Apple". You are redirected to Apple, which sets its own cookies on its own domains.	Set by Apple, on Apple domains

ON OPENSTREETMAP

The OpenStreetMap Foundation is an independent controller of the data it receives, not a processor acting on our instructions, and no data processing agreement is in place with them. This means they decide for themselves how they handle the IP addresses and search text they receive. Their privacy policy is at osmfoundation.org/wiki/Privacy_Policy.

2.6 Mobile Apps — iOS and Android

Our apps do not use browser cookies. The following software development kits (SDKs) use device storage or device identifiers.

TECHNOLOGY	PROVIDER	CATEGORY	PURPOSE
Supabase	Supabase	Strictly necessary	Stores your authentication session and account data in device storage so you stay signed in.
Google Sign-In	Google	Strictly necessary, when used	Enables "Sign in with Google" authentication.
Apple Sign-In	Apple	Strictly necessary, when used (iOS)	Enables "Sign in with Apple" authentication.
Persona	Persona Identities, Inc.	Strictly necessary, optional feature	Runs the identity verification flow where you choose to verify your account, or where verification is required to access a feature. See Privacy Policy section 1.16.
Expo Notifications with FCM (Android) and APNs (iOS)	Expo, Google, Apple	Strictly necessary, if notifications enabled	Stores a push notification token for your device so we can deliver the notifications you have enabled.
Google Firebase Analytics	Google	Analytics / Advertising	App usage analytics and measurement of our advertising campaigns. Advertising identifiers — the Android Advertising ID and equivalent iOS identifiers — are collected only on accounts held by users aged 18 and over, and only once a date of birth has been provided. See section 2.7.
OpenStreetMap (Nominatim)	OpenStreetMap Foundation	Third-party content	Provides location search in the apps. What you type into a location field, and your coordinates if you use "use my location", are sent to OpenStreetMap servers along with your IP address.
Apple Maps (MapKit)	Apple	Third-party content	Displays maps within the iOS app.

2.7 Users Under 18

The Platform is open to users aged 13 and over, and we give particular care to the data of users under 18.

Both the website and the mobile apps ask for your date of birth when you create an account. Until a date of birth has been provided, we treat the account as belonging to a child and no analytics or advertising storage is used. On accounts held by users under 18, analytics is switched off entirely — not reduced, and not limited to advertising identifiers. This applies on the website and in the mobile apps alike. Advertising identifiers, such as the Android Advertising ID and its iOS equivalent, are collected only where the account holder is aged 18 or over.

We do not display third-party advertising on the Platform, we do not use your data to target advertising at you, and we do not sell or share personal data with advertisers for their own purposes. This is true whatever your age.

If you are under 18 and are unsure about any of the choices described in this Policy, we would encourage you to talk to a parent or guardian. Parents and guardians are welcome to contact us at the address in section 2.9 with any questions.

2.8 International Transfers

Several of the providers listed above are based outside the United Kingdom, principally in the United States. Where personal data is transferred internationally we ensure appropriate safeguards are in place, as described in section 1.11 of our Privacy Policy.

2.9 Changes and Contact

We may update this Policy as the Platform changes. The version number and date at the top show when it was last revised, and we will notify users of material changes as described in our Privacy Policy.

Questions about this Policy:

- The Sporting Network LTD
- 14 Hollywell Row, London, England, EC2A 4JB, United Kingdom
- Email: main@thesportingnetwork.com

You also have the right to complain to the Information Commissioner's Office at ico.org.uk or on 0303 123 1113.

Version history

VERSION	DATE	CHANGE
1.0	April 2026	First version.
1.1	24 August 2026	PostHog removed from the website and mobile tables following its removal from the product. Google Ads tag removed from the website following its removal from the product. Vercel removed, as it sets no cookies. Website table rebuilt from a full audit of browser storage: seventeen previously undocumented items added, including the service-worker caches, message drafts, saved accounts, recent searches and the profile cache. Language preference reclassified as strictly necessary, as it is written before any storage prompt is answered. Persona, Google Sign-In and Apple Sign-In added to the website table. OpenStreetMap entry corrected to describe location search as well as map tiles, and OpenStreetMap Foundation identified as an independent controller. Mobile map and location entries corrected. Section 2.7 updated to reflect the date-of-birth gate on the website and the full analytics suppression on under-18 accounts. Withdrawal route corrected. Version history added.