

Why A Meeting Might Be Delisted

Some meetings may be delisted from the ACA UK website if they pose risks to members or fail to uphold ACA traditions. This document outlines key reasons for delisting.

1 Safeguarding Concerns

Meetings with reports of predatory behavior, harassment, or misconduct that fail to take action may be delisted.

2 Breach of ACA Traditions

Tradition Four states that "Each group should remain autonomous except in matters affecting other groups or ACA as a whole."

3 Duty of Care Risks

Duty of Care – Listing a meeting with known predatory behavior would put newcomers at risk and could be considered a breach of duty of care.

Public Liability Insurance – If ACA UK has been warned about a dangerous environment but continues to direct people to that meeting, it could invalidate our insurance coverage.

Legal Liability – If inappropriate contact occurs after members exchange details in a meeting, those running the meeting could be held responsible.

ACA's Legal Risk – If Intergroup knowingly lists a meeting where predatory behavior is reported, ACA as a whole may be legally liable.

Under the legal principle of 'duty of care,' ACA has a responsibility to take reasonable steps to protect members from foreseeable harm. Listing a meeting with known safeguarding concerns may expose ACA to legal liability and impact public liability insurance. To protect the fellowship, such meetings may be removed.

Intergroup Decision on Delisting

At the Intergroup meeting in June 2024, Intergroup voted to grant the Safeguarding Committee the authority to delist a meeting if necessary.

Process for Delisting

Report Received – A safeguarding issue is reported to Intergroup (IG) or the safeguarding committee.

Contact the Meeting – Members are informed and given 14 days to respond.

Opportunity for Action – If they engage, they are given time to make changes.

Final Review – If there is no response or corrective action, the safeguarding committee may vote to delist.

Delisting – The meeting is removed from ACA directories, and the decision is documented.

In Conclusion

Delisting is a last resort to ensure ACA meetings remain safe and inclusive. Meetings that uphold ACA traditions and respond to concerns will continue to be supported.