

Is publicationethics.org legit? TrustSniffer's high-trust assessment: 100/100

publicationethics.org

Verdict

100

OUT OF 100

HIGH TRUST

publicationethics.org appears legitimate.

Our checks found nothing pointing to fraud. Ordinary care still applies when you pay or sign in.

Not Scam

Safe for Login

Low Risk

Assessed 2026-08-02 by automated analysis. Classification confidence 75%.

What this site appears to be

Homepage for the Committee on Publication Ethics (COPE), a global membership organization promoting integrity and ethical standards in scholarly research and publishing.

Evidence status and limitations

Evidence completeness: UNKNOWN

- Module-level completeness metadata is unavailable for this legacy report.

At a glance

The checks that decide most of this verdict.

Malware engines	None flagged it VirusTotal	CLEAR
Google Safe Browsing	Not listed Google	CLEAR
Abuse reports on the host	0 reports AbuseIPDB; shared hosting inflates this count	NOTED
Domain age	19 years old Registered history	CLEAR
Web archive	Archived since 2009 5000 snapshots	CLEAR
Certificate	Encrypted connection Issued by WE1	NOTED

The page as captured

No screenshot is retained for this report.

Key findings

- Automated classification: Not Scam.
- Domain age: more than 10 years (registration continuity).
- Public web-archive history exists since 2009.
- No flags from the reputation services TrustSniffer consulted at assessment time.

Full analysis

Overview

The website is the homepage of the Committee on Publication Ethics (COPE), a global membership organization that promotes integrity and ethical standards in scholarly research and publishing through guidance, educational resources, member services, discussions, and events.

Scam/Impersonation Risk

No contradictions, phishing indicators, brand-impersonation signals, or confirmed blacklist findings were observed. The homepage presents a coherent nonprofit publication-ethics purpose, with guidance, membership, research-integrity resources, and member discussions rather than deceptive financial or credential-harvesting activity. Its established domain history and clean external reputation materially support the conclusion that this is the genuine COPE organization.

- The homepage identifies COPE and provides publication-ethics guidance, membership services, and scholarly-publishing resources.
- The domain was registered in 2008 and is approximately 18.59 years old.
- The archive contains 5,000 snapshots spanning 2009–2025, covering 17 years.
- External reputation checks recorded zero malicious and zero suspicious detections, with no blacklist hit.

Regulatory Verification Notes

COPE is presented as a membership-based nonprofit organization, not as a financial or regulated investment service. No license or registration number was identified in the supplied site content; this is a limited disclosure point for organizational verification, not evidence of deception. The domain uses Mesh Digital Limited as registrar, and its authority, content depth, and established organizational presentation are consistent with a mature professional institution.

- The homepage describes membership, guidance, tools, events, and discussions relating to publication ethics.
- The domain registrar is Mesh Digital Limited.
- The site is served from AS13335, Cloudflare, Inc.; its TLS certificate is issued by WE1 with DV validation and is valid to 2026-09-15.
- No matching third-party broker-reputation record was identified.

What to Verify Next

For formal procurement or institutional affiliation, confirm COPE’s current legal and membership details through its published organizational channels and independently confirm any applicable registration requirements with the relevant jurisdictional registry. Confirm official support and contact channels through an independently sourced COPE reference before establishing a new institutional relationship.

- The homepage provides membership and organizational-service pathways suitable for independent confirmation.
- The supplied content does not identify a license number or regulated-service authorization.
- The site’s established historical continuity supports direct institutional verification through its longstanding public presence.

Summary Verdict

The website has a high-confidence established-entity posture with strong alignment between its stated purpose, content, historical continuity, technical operation, and external reputation. It is legitimate and suitable for normal interaction, including account login and standard use.

Infrastructure Integrity

Cloudflare provides the site’s CDN/WAF protection, with observed traffic resolving through Cloudflare edge infrastructure rather than a directly exposed origin. This reduces routine infrastructure exposure and is a mitigating security factor, although it is not independently proof of organizational legitimacy.

Closing Assessment

Normal browsing, login, membership activity, and other standard interactions are appropriate; formal institutional engagements should follow ordinary organization-specific due diligence.

Written analysis generated 2026-08-02 by the TrustSniffer Analysis Engine from the evidence in this report.

What the analysis found

No rule findings contributed to this verdict.

Identity verification

Status	UNVERIFIED
Identity score	30/100
Identity verification confidence	50%

- No on-site identity signals detected

Identity verification measures whether the site can be independently connected to a real-world brand or person. It is separate from the classification confidence.

What TrustSniffer observed

First-party facts recorded during the assessment of publicationethics.org.

- The request stayed on publicationethics.org. It was not redirected to another domain. CLEAR
- Registration is published under Mesh Digital Limited. CLEAR

- DNS for this domain is served by cloudflare.com, across 2 name servers. NOTED
- The registration is paid up to 2027-01-03. NOTED
- The earliest public archive of this site is from 2009-01-04. CLEAR
- It is hosted on CLOUDFLARENET, from a server in US. NOTED

Domain intelligence

Registrar	Mesh Digital Limited
Hosting	CLOUDFLARENET - Cloudflare, Inc., US
Country	US
Server IP	2a06:98c1:3109::ac40:98e0
Name servers	laila.ns.cloudflare.com, watson.ns.cloudflare.com
SSL issuer	WE1
SSL expiry	2026-09-15
Domain age	18.6 years
Domain expiry	2027-01-03
Archive first seen	2009-01-04
Archive snapshots	5000
Reputation	VirusTotal: 0 flagged AbuseIPDB: 0 reports Google Safe Browsing: 0 matches

About this assessment

A trust score summarises the evidence TrustSniffer could collect about publicationethics.org at assessment time. It is a starting point for your own judgement, not a guarantee: a high score means the signals were consistent with a legitimately operated site, a low or critical score means several risk patterns were present.

TrustSniffer assesses a website from the evidence it can collect at a point in time: domain registration and age, hosting and certificate, the content the site served, and third-party reputation feeds. A score is a summary of that evidence, not a guarantee and not a legal finding. There is no human rating and no user review in it. A site can change after it is assessed.

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