



GROUND REGULATIONS



Copies of these Ground regulations are posted in areas of the Ground so as to be easily accessible and visible to spectators

1. All persons entering the Ground are admitted subject to the following Ground Rules and to the Rules and Regulations of the SFA and the SPFL. **Entry to the Ground shall be deemed to constitute unqualified acceptance of all these Rules and Regulations.**
2. All persons entering the Ground are admitted subject to the condition that they may be required to submit to search to prevent dangerous articles being brought into the Ground which might be used to cause injury or damage to persons or property.
3. Spectators are asked, in the interests of public safety and good order, to comply with all instructions issued by Police, Stewards, or designated agents of Stirling Albion FC.
4. All matches are played in accordance with the Rules of the Scottish Football Association, the Scottish Professional Football League and, where applicable, the Regulations of FIFA / UEFA competitions.
5. Play cannot be guaranteed to take place on any particular day or at any particular time and Stirling Albion FC reserves the right to change its advertised fixtures without prior notice and without liability.
6. On no account will admission be granted to a person who is subject of a current Football Banning Order.
7. Tickets allocated by the Club are issued on the express condition that no holder shall sell or transfer the ticket for a larger price than face value. In the event of any breach of this condition Stirling Albion FC reserves the right to cancel the ticket and retain the money paid.
8. At all times, the right of admission is reserved by the Club Management and unless specifically authorised no transfers between Stands are allowed. Spectators found in the wrong area amid opposing fans may be ejected.
9. When a match is abandoned before the expiry of the first half, admission vouchers for the rearranged fixture will be issued to spectators. That arrangement does not however preclude spectators from seeking a cash refund from Stirling Albion FC on presentation of that voucher. The arrangements in cases where the match is abandoned after the expiry of the first half shall be a matter for the reasonable discretion of Stirling Albion FC.
10. In the event of an all ticket match being postponed for any reason, the ticket can be retained and will be valid for the rescheduled fixture. Alternatively, spectators will be entitled to a refund.

11. All children entering the Ground, must pay for admission, hold a valid ticket or be exempt under the free admission scheme, subject to being accompanied by an adult.

12. Unauthorised persons are not permitted to enter upon the field of play or the perimeter track. Failure to comply may result in arrest or removal from the stadium, application of a stadium ban and/or instigation of Football Banning Order procedures.

13. It is an offence under the terms of the Criminal Law (Consolidation) (Scotland) Act 1995, as amended by the Crime and Disorder Act, 1998 to make any remarks of a racist nature. Any breach of this offence may result in arrest and instigation of Football Banning Order procedures.

14. It is an offence under the Public Order Act 1986 for any person to enter, or attempt to enter the Ground:

- whilst in possession of any article or substance whose main function is the emission of a flare for the purposes of illuminating or signalling (as opposed to igniting or heating) or the emission of smoke or visible gas, and in particular includes distress flares, fog signals and pellets and capsules intended to be used as fumigators or for testing pipes.
- with any article which is a firework.
- and subsequently activate smoke canisters and/or pyrotechnics, which can endanger the safety of spectators

15. It is an offence under the Criminal Law (Consolidation) (Scotland) Act 1995 to enter or attempt to enter the Ground:

- Whilst in possession of a controlled container which is or was capable of holding liquid and which, if thrown would be capable of causing injury to another person
- Whilst in possession of alcohol
- Whilst drunk

16. The use of threatening behaviour, foul or abusive language is strictly forbidden. Racial, sectarian, homophobic or discriminatory abuse or chanting is also forbidden and is considered as unacceptable conduct and may result in arrest and instigation of Football Banning Order procedures.

17. Persistent standing is forbidden in seated viewing areas. Anyone who continues to stand after having been requested not to, may be removed from the stadium and be subject to a ban.

18. Under no circumstances is it permitted to throw any objects whether on to the pitch or track or otherwise.

19. Club flags and banners, as well as any official national flag are permissible, provided they do not carry any additional religious, racist, or other derogatory messages. Flags/banners must not interfere with the viewing capabilities or safety of other Spectators. In addition, flags and banners must not be allowed to obstruct advertising boards or directional signage. Small flags can be mounted on garden canes provided the canes measure less than 100cms in length.

20. Unnecessary noise such as from the use of radio sets and behaviour likely to cause confusion, annoyance, or nuisance of any kind, is not permitted in any part of the Ground.

21. With the exception of authorised Media representatives holding accreditation issued by the club/event organiser, the taking of photographs or filming by any means inside the Ground is prohibited. In addition, no transmission or reproduction, in whole or in part, in any form, or by any means, electronic, mechanical, recording or otherwise is permitted save with a special authorisation in writing by the club/event organiser and, where appropriate, the prior consent of the Scottish Football Association, the Scottish Professional Football League or appropriate body.

22. Only persons specifically authorised in writing by Stirling Albion FC are permitted to offer Newspapers, Periodicals or any other Articles for sale in the Ground and any charitable collection will only be permitted within the ground with prior written consent of Stirling Albion FC.

23. Stirling Albion FC reserves the right for its servants and agents and for members of Police Forces to remove from this Ground any person who does not comply with these Ground Regulations and with the Rules and Regulations of the SFA, SPFL. and/or where applicable, the regulations of U.E.F.A. Competitions or, whose presence in the Ground is, or could reasonably be construed as, constituting a source of danger, nuisance or annoyance to other Spectators.

24. CCTV cameras may be in use and recordings could be used in any proceedings.

25. Stirling Albion FC operates a Protocol Agreement with Police Scotland whereby the details of individuals who have been ejected or arrested at matches involving Stirling Albion FC, either home or away, is shared with the Club. On examination of this information the Club reserves the right to indefinitely ban the individual from Forthbank Stadium and from purchasing tickets for away matches.

26. In compliance with Smoking, Health and Social Care (Scotland) Act 2005, and the Prohibition of Smoking in Certain Premises (Scotland) Act 2006, Forthbank Stadium has been designated a **NO SMOKING STADIUM**. This restriction covers all public and staff areas including, but not restricted to, seating decks, concourses, toilets, staircases, offices and function suites. Smoking is however permitted within areas designated for that purpose out with the stadium. Failure to comply with this legislation will see the individual ejected from the Stadium and, where appropriate, issued with a fixed penalty ticket by the Police.