



STIRLING ALBION FOOTBALL CLUB

CODE OF CONDUCT FOR SUPPORTERS

Preamble

In compliance with the Club Licensing requirements of the Scottish Football Association, this Code of Practice follows on and supports the aims and objectives of the respective Codes of Conduct for Coaches, Players, Officials and Parents/Guardians of young players connected with the Club – all of which are readily accessible on the Club's website.

Respect

Whilst this Code of Conduct is primarily directed at the attendance of supporters attending matches at Forthbank Stadium, the policy of treating the Club Board, Management, employees, players, volunteers and fellow supporters of both Stirling Albion FC, and our opposition, with dignity, courtesy and respect applies home and away and 24/7. The Club will not tolerate any form of discrimination, harassment, personal abuse or bullying and will take formal action against anyone found to be responsible for any such behaviour when linked to their dealings with Stirling Albion FC.

Attendance at Forthbank

Spectators are organic components of a football game. The support of fans may contribute to the success of the team. The crowd is not expected to watch the game in silence. Encouragement of the team by shouting, non-abusive singing etc. may have a positive influence on the atmosphere within the spirit of Fair Play.

Spectators are, however, expected to respect opponents and the referee (and assistants). They should appreciate the performance of the opposition even if they emerge as winners. They should in no way intimidate or frighten opponents, the referee (including assistants), or opposing supporters.

Guidelines on Foul and Abusive Language at Forthbank Stadium

Against this background Stirling Albion FC reaffirms the guidelines previously publicised:

Stirling Albion FC would like to clarify its position with regards to the use of foul and abusive language within the confines of Forthbank Stadium.

The guidelines are not intended to inhibit fans' enjoyment; indeed, the intention is very much to enhance the overall experience of everyone attending the stadium.

The Club understands that, for some, the use of emotive/strong language is part and parcel of attending a game of football and it is not our intention to impose a zero tolerance to the use of such language.

However, the repeated and persistent use of foul and abusive language, particularly when directed at an individual, is unacceptable. Anyone guilty of such behaviour can expect to be dealt with. In the first instance, this is likely to be in the form of a warning. Failure to respond positively to such a warning may lead to the individual being removed from the stadium.

In simple terms, the Club would ask that all fans respect every other fan in attendance.

Any fan who considers that the spirit of the guidelines is not being adhered to by an individual or individuals is asked to report the matter, in the first instance, to a steward on duty.

The Club Safety Officer and stewards have been briefed in accordance with these guidelines and have overall responsibility for ensuring they are applied fairly and consistently throughout the Stadium.

Anti-Discrimination Policy

Supporters are urged to comply with and support the Club's position set out in its well-publicised Anti-Discrimination Policy.

Crowd Segregation

In normal course, within Forthbank Stadium, "home" support is segregated from the "away" support. Supporters are expected to comply with this policy and should not seek to breach it in any way unless authorised to do so by the stewards (or police if in attendance). Supporters who disregard this requirement may be ejected. For matches where the numbers of "away" supporters are anticipated to be low and no segregation is in place, the conditions and sanctions laid out within this policy are deemed sufficient to deal with any circumstances arising.

Ground Regulations

Supporters are advised to comply with requirements debarring the carriage of alcohol into the stadium or carrying into the stadium any container capable of holding alcohol or seeking to gain entry or be in the stadium whilst drunk. Failure to comply with any of these requirements may lead to entry being refused or ejection, and a liability to be prosecuted for the contravention of any of these requirements.

The following articles must not be brought within the Ground – knives, fireworks, smoke canisters, air-horns, flares, weapons, dangerous or hazardous items, laser devices, bottles, glass vessels, poles or any article that might be used as a weapon and/or compromise public safety. Any person in possession of such items will be refused entry to the Ground

Supporters will be permitted to take in small bags / backpacks / carrier bags providing they comply with the restrictions detailed above and the person carrying same is prepared to allow a search of such bag etc. to be subjected to a search by an official Club Steward. Anyone who refuses to allow such a search may be refused entry to the stadium.

Reminder notices covering these requirements are posted and accessible for viewing outside each turnstile group.

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