

2nd August 2019

Safety Policy for Spectators and McDiarmid Park

The Directors of St Johnstone Football Club and the ground management thereof ('the Club') has a clear duty to ensure the safety and welfare of spectators who are attending games at McDiarmid Park.

The Club has a responsibility to ensure the safety, control and monitoring of the crowd entering, leaving and within the stadium. Such responsibility lies ultimately with the Chairman and Directors of the Club but has been delegated to the Football Administrator and Club Safety Officer on a match day.

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The Football Administrator's responsibility will be to ensure that the ground management's safety policy is implemented and, to this end, a Safety Officer will be appointed who will work closely with the Football Administrator and – where appropriate – the Police Match Commander. In addition, the Stadium Maintenance Manager will be available to assist with technical problems which may arise on event days.

From the Police Control Room situated within the West (Main) Stand, the Safety Officer will supervise and monitor each area within the stadium to avoid overcrowding and implement any measures or safeguards which are necessary in order to ensure crowd safety.

Stewarding

The Club or their designated representatives will also enforce ground regulations with an adequate number of suitably trained and equipped staff who are aware of their roles and responsibilities in the event of a Police-free match or in the event of the Police Match Commander assuming control of public safety.

Policing

In addition to suitably trained and equipped staff, the Club shall liaise with Police Scotland before each home first team match with regards to the provision of police services at that fixture. Taking into account the necessary risk assessments, it may be that certain fixtures are deemed to be 'Police Free' or (also called 'Club Security') matches and the stewarding plan shall reflect the absence of Police at these games.

INSPECTIONS

Detailed Annual Inspection

At least once every year, the Club shall arrange for a detailed inspection to be made of the whole Sports Ground, including structural items in every part of the Sports Ground and the fabric thereof, all fixtures and fittings, installations, facilities and equipment so as to ensure that any defect, missing items or inadequacy is forthwith repaired or replaced; that any other damage is made good and that the Club is complying with the whole terms and conditions of the Safety Certificate and the recommendations contained in the Green Guide.

Inspections by Tayside Sports Ground Safety Team Representatives

On a regular basis, representatives from Tayside Sports Safety Team will be arrangement with the Club, carry out detailed or general inspections of the Sports Ground and thereon to the Council to ensure that the Club is complying with the whole terms of the Safety Certificate and the recommendations contained in the Green Guide. A copy of such report will be sent to the Club.

Records of Defects and Repairs

The Club shall keep written records of the date when any defect, missing item or inadequacy is discovered during any detailed or general inspection of the Sports Ground and the date and nature of the remedial action subsequently taken or work carried out. These records will be kept in a form prescribed the council and be available for inspection as required.

In addition to the above, the Club will comply at all times with the terms and conditions contained within the Safety Certificate issues by Perth & Kinross Council, such certificate to be renewed on an annual basis.

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Paul Smith', with a large, stylized flourish extending from the end of the signature.

Paul Smith
Football Administrator
August 2019