



## **EVENTS SAFETY POLICY**

**Aberdeen Football Club**  
**Pittodrie Stadium**  
**Aberdeen**

### **STATEMENT**

The Directors of Aberdeen Football Club are committed to achieving, and maintaining, as far as reasonably practicable, the highest standards of safety for spectators and to conduct the Club's activities with the appropriate safeguards against exposing the public to anything that risks their Health, Safety and wellbeing whilst visiting Pittodrie Stadium

AFC policies and procedures will be reviewed regularly and following any Scottish Government guidelines which may be necessary due to pandemics or any other special circumstances which may affect any of the roles and responsibilities highlighted in this document and adjusted accordingly.

### **SCOPE**

This policy applies to all individuals spectating the event.

### **POLICY AIMS**

This policy is designed to provide all spectators with the information on the safeguards in place to ensure their health and safety during their visit to Pittodrie Stadium.

### **STRATEGY**

To demonstrate our commitment to assuring the health and safety of all spectators, there will be regular communication between the Chief Executive and the Head of Operations.

A designated person from each area of the Club's activities will be appointed and will regularly liaise with the Operations Manager on Health, Safety and Security matters. A number of safeguards will be implemented to demonstrate our commitment to ensuring the Health, Safety and Security of all spectators and these are detailed in this policy.

In the event of any special circumstances eg. a pandemic, roles and safeguards will be reviewed to respond accordingly.

## **SAFEGUARDS**

### **Roles**

- The appointment of Chief Executive, accountable to the Chairman.
- The appointment of Head of Operations, accountable to the Chief Executive.
- Club Management and the Stadium Operations team will hold regular meetings and feedback from discussions between Club representatives will input into these meetings as required.
- The appointment of a Health and Safety Officer (Events Safety Officer).
- The appointment of an Events Safety Officer, during events they will have rapid lines of communication with senior Club Management, Police Scotland, the Ambulance Service and AFC Safety and Security Stewards through radio communication.
- Chain of Command for non-matchdays and matchdays must be adhered to at all times.
- The appointment of any additional roles as required to respond to any special circumstances (as appropriate ie. pandemic/Covid Officer).
- The appointment of designated individuals across the Club's activities.

### **Facilities**

- The Stadium will be all-seated with Close Circuit Television.
- A centralised computerised crowd monitoring system is installed.
- Segregation in force between designated home and away sections.
- Adequate and clearly marked ingress and exit areas to and from the stadium are provided, these areas are always kept clear of obstruction and are continuously manned whilst the stadium is open to the public.
- An annual structural survey will be completed, and testing will be carried out on all handrails, barriers and balustrades to ensure they are of the required strength to comply with the Safety Certificate.

- All structural elements will be identified, and periodic checks carried out on them.
- An effective public address system, which can be heard in all parts of the stadium as part of the fire or incident warning system, will be provided.
- An automatic Fire Alarm System, which is constantly monitored, will be in operation while the public are in attendance. Competent Fire Wardens/Stewards will also be in attendance. All flammable material will be removed prior to the admittance of the public.

### **Ticketing**

- Tickets clearly identify the area of the accommodation for which they have been issued and the ticket will correlate with the information provided both inside, and outside, of the Stadium.

### **Safety and Security Stewards**

- The Club will provide sufficiently trained and easily identifiable stewards to assist spectators.
- The training of stewards will be monitored by the Events Safety Officer who will determine, along with the Safety Team, the numbers and locations of stewards and the levels of supervision required.

### **Provision of Medical Services**

- Trained and competent First Aiders will attend all games, along with a qualified medical practitioner. The required number of First Aiders and medical practitioners will be in place following guidance provided by Safety at Sports Grounds/Green Guide latest edition.
- An ambulance, with qualified crew, will attend all games.
- A Medical Operational Plan is reviewed annually in consultation with:
  - Club Doctor
  - Crowd Doctor
  - First Aid Team Leader
  - Head of Medical and Football Science
  - Events Safety Officer
  - Head of Operations

### **Emergency Action Plan**

- An effective and robust Contingency Plan has been completed in conjunction with Police Scotland, Scottish Fire and Rescue Service, the Ambulance Service and Aberdeen Football Club.

## **Special Circumstances**

- Response activities and additional measures driven by special circumstances i.e. pandemic, will be implemented in accordance with the latest Scottish Government Guidelines and following approval by the Club's management team.

Example of the measures required in response to a pandemic include, but not limited to, regular disinfection of the Stadium, social distancing, hand sanitising facilities, completion of symptom declaration screening questionnaires, temperature checking and proper wearing of face coverings covering mouth and nose.

## **Attendance and Maintenance Records**

- A record of all attendances and incidents, and a regularly updated record of all maintenance inspection and tests completed, will be kept by the Club.

## **Compliance and Accessibility**

- This policy will be monitored for compliance by the Management Team. All logs, incidents and unusual occurrences are discussed and addressed by Management.
- This Event Safety Policy can be accessed on the public AFC Website – [www.afc.co.uk](http://www.afc.co.uk).

## **Policy Review**

- Throughout the season the Spectator Safety Policy will be monitored, all logs, incidents and unusual occurrences discussed, and the Policy reviewed as necessary.

**Signed on behalf of:**  
**Aberdeen Football Club Ltd.**

<b>Name</b>	<b>Signature</b>	<b>Job Title</b>	<b>Date</b>
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