



EAST FIFE F.C. UNACCEPTABLE CONDUCT POLICY



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Policy Statement

East Fife Football Club is committed to ensuring that all matches, Club activities, and official communication platforms operate in a safe, respectful, and welcoming environment.

The Club will not tolerate any form of unacceptable or disorderly conduct. Any player, official, employee, volunteer, or supporter who engages in such behaviour may be subject to appropriate action.

This policy applies to all East Fife Football Club activities, including matches held at Bayview Stadium, away fixtures, and any official Club forums, digital platforms, or social media channels operated by or on behalf of the Club.

Definition of Unacceptable Conduct

Unacceptable conduct includes behaviour that is violent or disorderly, and which disrupts the safety, enjoyment, or integrity of football matches and Club events.

Violent Conduct

Violent conduct includes:

- Actual, attempted, or threatened physical violence against any person
- Conduct that endangers the safety of others
- Damage or attempted damage to property

Disorderly Conduct

Disorderly conduct includes behaviour that is intended, or likely, to stir up hatred, hostility, or ill will towards individuals or groups based on protected characteristics.

This includes behaviour directed at individuals or groups because of:

- Colour, race, nationality, or ethnic or national origin
- Religion or perceived religious affiliation
- Sexual orientation
- Transgender identity
- Disability

Disorderly conduct may also include:

- The use of threatening, abusive, or insulting words or behaviour
 - The display of banners or materials that are threatening, abusive, or insulting
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Prohibited Behaviour

The following actions are also considered unacceptable conduct:

- Pitch incursions (entering the field of play without permission)
- Use of pyrotechnics, including flares or smoke devices
- Throwing objects of any kind within the stadium or towards the field of play

Online Conduct and Digital Platforms

East Fife Football Club recognises that supporters interact with the Club through official online forums, websites, and social media platforms.

All individuals using these platforms are expected to behave respectfully and in accordance with the standards outlined in this policy.

The following behaviours on official Club platforms will be considered unacceptable:

- Posting threatening, abusive, discriminatory, or defamatory comments
- Harassment or intimidation of players, officials, staff, volunteers, or other supporters
- Posting material that promotes hatred, discrimination, or violence
- Repeated disruptive or abusive behaviour within official Club forums or digital channels

The Club also considers it unacceptable for individuals to use personal social media accounts, direct messaging, tagging, or other digital communication methods to abuse, harass, threaten, or intimidate players, officials, staff, volunteers, or supporters connected with the Club.

Where such behaviour is brought to the attention of the Club and can reasonably be linked to individuals attending matches or engaging with the Club, appropriate action may be taken.

The Club reserves the right to moderate, remove, or restrict content that breaches these standards.

Non-Compliance and Sanctions

East Fife Football Club will not tolerate racist, sectarian, discriminatory, or abusive behaviour of any kind, whether physical, verbal or written.

Any Club official, employee, or volunteer who engages in such conduct may be subject to the Club's internal disciplinary procedures.

Any supporter found to have engaged in unacceptable conduct may face sanctions imposed by the Club. These may include:

- Removal from the stadium
- Withdrawal or suspension of a season ticket
- Refusal of future admission to Club matches
- Application for a Football Banning Order in cases of serious or persistent misconduct



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The Club will maintain a log of disciplinary action taken against any Club official, employee, volunteer or supporter.

The Club reserves the right to report incidents to the relevant football authorities or law enforcement.

Policy Review

The Club will review this policy:

- At least every 3 years, or
- Earlier where required due to changes in legislation guidance, operational requirements, or following any significant incidents or case review.

REVISION HISTORY

Revision	Reviewed By	Changes
February 2025	J Donaldson	First issue
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