



Unacceptable conduct policy

Partick Thistle Football Club will not tolerate unacceptable conduct from the Club's employees, Directors, players or supporters at the Firhill Stadium or at any other away football stadium.

Partick Thistle Football Club aims to create and maintain an environment where spectators can enjoy the game of football, safe in the knowledge that they are free from all forms of harassment, abuse, unacceptable or disorderly conduct. This policy applies for any football matches or events within the Energy Check Stadium at Firhill, or at any away fixtures. All persons entering the ground are expected to abide by the terms of this policy and by the SFA Ground Regulations.

Definition

Unacceptable conduct is conduct which is violent or disorderly and includes the use of flares, fireworks, smoke bombs or the like and/or any other object which may cause or be part of any incident. Conduct is violent where there is:

Actual, attempted or threatened physical violence against a person or persons

Intentional damage to property.

Disorderly conduct involves any activity which stirs up or sustains, or is likely, or is designed to stir up or sustain hatred or ill will against or towards individuals or groups of people because of:

Gender

Age

Colour, race, nationality (including citizenship) or ethnic or national origin

Membership or presumed membership, of a religious group or of a social or cultural group with perceived religious affiliation

Sexual orientation

Transgender identity

Disability

Using threatening, abusive or insulting words or conduct both verbal and non-verbal

Displaying writing or any other item which is threatening, abusive or insulting.

Racism

Partick Thistle Football Club condemns racism in any form, either on or off the pitch. Partick Thistle Football Club aims to create and maintain a working and spectating environment free from racial harassment and abuse. Everyone connected with Partick Thistle Football Club has a responsibility to prevent racial harassment or abuse.

A racist incident is defined by Partick Thistle Football Club as any incident that is perceived to be racist by the victim, or any other person. Racial harassment is defined by Partick Thistle Football Club to be any verbal, physical, written or visible abuse that is based on a person's race, ethnic background, colour, nationality, language or cultural background – and is considered to be unwanted, unacceptable and offensive to the person.

All employees, Directors, players and supporters of the Club have a responsibility to make it clear that such behaviour by anyone connected with Partick Thistle Football Club is unacceptable.

Supporters should also note that racist taunts and abusive or threatening behaviour will not be tolerated by Partick Thistle Football Club and all staff and supporters will be encouraged to condemn and report such behaviour.

Proven racial harassment or abuse will lead to eviction from the stadium and will be reported to the police and may result in a life ban from Partick Thistle Football Club. Partick Thistle Football Club will give their full support to the police in any criminal actions.

Season ticket holders who conduct themselves in this manner face having their season ticket revoked and all spectators face the prospect of a life ban from the Firhill Stadium.

Sectarianism

Scottish football fans have earned a world wide reputation for their enthusiastic and good-natured support of the national team. While most fans follow club football in a responsible way, there are occasions where individuals are intent on causing trouble, using football as an excuse for bigoted and unacceptable behaviour.

By working together to remove bigotry from our football grounds we can demonstrate that Scottish football fans and in particular Partick Thistle Football Club supporters:

- Respect people of all backgrounds and celebrate the multicultural society that Scotland has become in the 21st Century
- Want their football clubs, and the support for their clubs, to reflect the diversity of modern Scottish society and
- Are as passionate about their football clubs as they are about their national team.

Consequences

ANY PERSON ENGAGING IN UNACCEPTABLE CONDUCT MAY BE SUBJECT TO ANY, OR A COMBINATION OF THE FOLLOWING:

- Removal from the Firhill Stadium or away stadium
- Suspension or indefinite ban from attending home matches involving Partick Thistle Football Club
- Suspension or ban from holding Partick Thistle Football Club season ticket
- Suspension or ban as a Player or Coach from Partick Thistle Football Club
- Report to the police and possible criminal proceedings.

Responsibility

Everyone associated with the Club has a responsibility to prevent and discourage any form of abuse and as such are responsible not only for their own actions but also those of others. We would therefore encourage everyone to bring to the Club's attention, any incident or behaviour, of individuals or groups of individuals, deemed to be in breach of this policy.

Whilst it is appreciated that behaviour such as that listed above involves the minority of individuals in our society, Partick Thistle Football Club wishes to ensure that we continue to maintain the highest standards both on and off the field of play and that the name Partick Thistle Football Club is associated with good and sporting behaviour at all times.