



**Deveronvale Football Club  
Princess Royal Park, Banff**



**Unacceptable Behaviour Policy**

**Introduction**

Deveronvale Football Club is a full member of the Scottish Football Association and a member of the Scottish Highland Football League. The Club aims to create and maintain an environment where spectators, of all ages, can enjoy the game of football free from all forms of harassment, abuse and unacceptable or disorderly conduct. This policy applies to any football match or other event held at Princess Royal Park and to any away fixture for Deveronvale FC. All persons entering Princess Royal Park and attending away fixtures are required to abide by the terms of this policy.

**Rules for Ground Safety and Behaviour at Matches**

Deveronvale Football Club acknowledges that it has a duty to ensure that its players, officials, supporters and any other person connected with the Club do not engage in any conduct deemed unacceptable. This applies both on the occasion of any match at Princess Royal Park, Banff or at away matches played by the Club.

The definition of unacceptable conduct covers conduct which is violent and/or disorderly.

**Definitions**

Violent conduct includes:

1. Actual, attempted or threatened violence against a person or persons.
2. Intentional damage to property.

Disorderly conduct includes:

1. Conduct which is designed to stir up or sustain hatred or ill will against a person or group of persons based on their membership or presumed membership of the following categories of defined groups:

- a) Female or male gender
  - b) Colour, race, nationality or ethnic or national group
  - c) Membership of a religious group or a group with a perceived religious affiliation
  - d) Sexual orientation
  - e) Transgender identity
  - f) Disability
2. The use of threatening, abusive or insulting words or conduct – both verbal and non-verbal.
  3. The display of written or other visual display that is threatening, abusive or insulting.

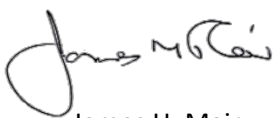
**Deveronvale Football Club accepts its responsibility under these rules and will not tolerate any behaviour deemed unacceptable with respect to these rules.**

Any Deveronvale Football Club official, employee or other person connected with the Club who engages in such behaviour will be dealt with under the Club's internal disciplinary procedures.

Any supporter who engages in such behaviour will be subject to sanctions imposed by the Club, which could include withdrawal of season ticket, exclusion from future Deveronvale matches or, in the event of serious and/or persistent offending, a report to the Police or an application being made towards obtaining a football banning order.

In addition, search procedures may be operated by the Club and persons entering Princess Royal Park are deemed to have agreed to be subject to such search procedures. Items may be confiscated during such a search if they are considered to breach Ground Regulations. Any attempt to bring prohibited articles into the stadium could result in a report to the police. Any persons under the influence of alcohol may be refused entry.

Everyone associated with Deveronvale has a responsibility to discourage any form of abuse. 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.



James H. Mair  
Chairman

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(To be reviewed annually)