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Kilwinning Rangers Football Club - Spectator Safety Policy (Updated January 2026)

KILWINNING RANGERS FOOTBALL CLUB

**BUFFS PARK
PENNYBURN ROAD
KILWINNING**



Spectator Safety Policy

(Reviewed and updated January 2026)

1. POLICY STATEMENT

Kilwinning Rangers Football Club is committed to providing a safe and welcoming environment for all spectators at Buffs Park. The Club will take all reasonably practicable measures to ensure spectator safety in accordance with relevant legislation, the Guide to Safety at Sports Grounds (Green Guide), and conditions of the Club Safety Certificate.

2. ORGANISATION AND RESPONSIBILITIES

Overall responsibility for spectator safety rests with the Club Committee. The Club Safety Officer has delegated responsibility for the operational management and implementation of this policy on matchdays. All stewards, staff and volunteers involved in match operations must understand and comply with this policy.

3. MONITORING AND REVIEW OF THE POLICY

The Club Safety Officer or nominated committee member will monitor the effectiveness of this policy and report regularly to the Committee. The policy will be reviewed annually and following any significant incident or change in operations.

4. SPECTATOR MANAGEMENT ARRANGEMENTS

Spectator management arrangements will be based on match-specific risk assessments and include appropriate stewarding, segregation where required, and controlled access to spectator areas.

5. ENTRY OF SPECTATORS

Spectators will be admitted in a safe and orderly manner through controlled access points. Stewards will monitor admission to prevent overcrowding and ensure prohibited items or persons under the influence of alcohol are not admitted. Effective counting systems will be used to ensure ground capacity is not exceeded.

6. MANAGEMENT OF SPECTATORS WITHIN THE GROUND

Stewards and the Club Safety Officer will monitor spectator safety throughout the event. Walkways, exits and emergency routes will be kept clear at all times. Safety information may be communicated via the public address system when required. The Club operates a No Smoking policy in designated areas.

7. EXIT OF SPECTATORS

At the conclusion of the event, stewards will facilitate the safe and orderly exit of spectators via clearly identified exits. Particular care will be given to children, elderly spectators and disabled persons. Exit gates will be opened as directed by the Club Safety Officer.

8. DISABLED AND VULNERABLE SPECTATORS

Disabled spectators and those requiring assistance will be supported by stewards to access facilities safely and evacuate to designated safe areas where necessary. Assistance will be provided sensitively and in accordance with individual needs.

9. STEWARDING

The Club will ensure sufficient numbers of trained stewards are deployed in proportion to anticipated attendance and risk. Stewards will be clearly identifiable and remain under the direction of the Club Safety Officer at all times. Additional stewarding or security services may be engaged if required.

10. INSPECTIONS AND MAINTENANCE

The Club Safety Officer will carry out ground safety inspections prior to gates opening and before each event. Inspections will include exits, signage, fire safety equipment, and identification of hazards. Any defects affecting safety will be recorded and addressed promptly.

11. EMERGENCY, MEDICAL AND FIRE ARRANGEMENTS

Adequate first aid and medical provision will be available at all events. Fire precautions are in place and smoking restrictions enforced. Emergency procedures are detailed within the Club Contingency Plan and all staff and stewards are expected to be familiar with these procedures.

12. RECORDS AND DOCUMENTATION

Records will be maintained relating to spectator incidents, first aid treatment, inspections, and safety defects. These records will be reviewed to support continuous improvement in spectator safety management.

This document is subject to mandatory annual review.

(To be reviewed and published annually).

- Reviewed January 2023 – Jack Conway, Club Licencing Officer
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