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Introduction

Kilwinning Rangers Football Club (KRFC) is a member of the West of Scotland Football League and play their home games at Buffs Park, Pennyburn Road, Kilwinning. KRFC will not tolerate unacceptable conduct from the Clubs employees, committee members, players, or supporters at Buffs Park or at any other away football grounds.

Unacceptable Conduct Policy

KRFC 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 Kilwinning Sports Club grounds, Buffs Park or at any away ground fixtures.

Definition

Unacceptable conduct is conduct which is violent or disorderly. 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.

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

A racist incident is defined by KRFC as any incident that is perceived to be racist by the victim, or any other person. Racial harassment is defined by KRFC 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.

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Proven racial harassment or abuse will lead to action being taken against spectators and will be reported to the police and may result in a life ban from KRFC. KRFC will give their full support to the police in any criminal actions.

All employees, committee members, players and servants of the Club have a responsibility to make it clear that such behaviour by anyone connected with KRFC is unacceptable. Supporters should also note that racist taunts and abusive or threatening behaviour will not be tolerated by KRFC and will be encouraged to condemn and report such behaviour. Any supporters (home or visiting) behaving in this way will face eviction from the ground and their actions will be reported to the police. 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 Buffs Park.

Sectarianism - Kick Out Bigotry the Pledge

Scottish football fans have earned a worldwide reputation for their enthusiastic and goodnatured 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 KRFC 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 Buffs Park or any away ground
- Suspension from attending home matches involving KRFC
- Indefinite ban from attending home matches involving KRFC
- Suspension or ban from holding KRFC membership
- Suspension or ban from the KRFC Committee
- Suspension or ban as a Player or Coach from KRFC
- 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.

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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, KRFC wishes to ensure that we continue to maintain the highest standards both on and off the field of play and that the name 'Kilwinning Rangers Football Club' is always associated with good and sporting behaviour.

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