

INVERNESS CALEDONIAN THISTLE FC UNACCEPTABLE CONDUCT POLICY

Inverness Caledonian Thistle football club (ICTFC) promotes a positive, safe environment at its matches, where both the home and away supporters, staff and officials can enjoy their team's performance.

ICTFC works on an ongoing basis with other SPFL clubs and the relevant agencies to develop and maintain such an environment

As such, ICTFC will not tolerate any form of Unacceptable Conduct by any person at the Caledonian Stadium, or by its Supporters, Officials, Players and any others connected with the club at Away matches.

UNACCEPTABLE CONDUCT

 This is defined as Violent or Disorderly Conduct and includes using words, conduct or displaying any writing or other thing which indicates support for, or affiliation to, or celebration of, or opposition to an organisation proscribed in terms of the <u>Terrorism Act 2000</u>

VIOLENT CONDUCT

- Any actual, attempted or threatened physical violence against any person or persons
- Intentional damage to property

DISORDERLY CONDUCT

- 1) Conduct which incites or sustains or is likely or designed to incite or sustain hatred or ill will towards individuals or groups because of their:
 - a. Gender, colour, race, nationality or ethnic or national origin
 - b. Membership of a religious group or of a social or cultural group with perceived or religious affiliation
 - c. Sexual orientation
 - d. Gender and identity
 - e. Disability
- 2) Using threatening, abusive or insulting words, language or conduct
- 3) Displaying or writing anything which is threatening, abusive or insulting.

ICTFC uses search procedures, including detector dogs, as part of their matchday operation and all those entering the Caledonian Stadium are deemed to have agreed to be subject to such search

procedures. Failure to comply with such requests will result in entry being refused or ejection if already inside the stadium

Items which may be confiscated during a search include but are not limited to:

- Flags, banners, posters and any items which may contain offensive or otherwise unacceptable material
- Pyrotechnic devices including smoke emitting, sparkler or marine type flares and anything else which is prescribed, and is in contravention of, the <u>Fireworks and Pyrotechnic Articles</u> (<u>Scotland</u>) <u>Act 2022</u>
- Any other object which may cause or be part of any incident of Unacceptable Conduct.
- Items such as cans, bottles and any other containers in contravention of the *Criminal Law* (*Consolidation*) (*Scotland*) *Act 1995* or otherwise prohibited in the ground regulations. And any item which when thrown can cause injury

Any supporter who engages in Unacceptable conduct will be liable for sanctions imposed by the club including but not limited to:

- Ejection from the stadium and/or grounds
- Withdrawal of season ticket without refund
- Club ban up to and including a lifetime ban from home games
- Details being shared with away clubs which may result in a ban from those grounds
- Information shared with Police Scotland which may result in criminal charges and subsequent criminal record
- Court issued Football Banning Order
 - This will prevent attendance at any football ground for a period up to 10 years
 - o You will also be banned from the National Team's matches, even ones played abroad.
 - You may also have to hand your passport into a police station when your team plays abroad. You will have to report at a police station on the day the game is played.

Any official, employee or volunteer of the club who engages in such activity will be subject to the clubs' internal disciplinary procedures.

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