[Stoke City Football Club](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Stoke_City_F.C.) is an English [association football](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Association_football) club based in [Stoke-on-Trent](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Stoke-on-Trent), which competes in the [Premier League](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Premier_League) during the [2012–13 season](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/2012%E2%80%9313_Stoke_City_F.C._season). Founded as Stoke Ramblers Football Club in 1863, the club changed its name to Stoke Football Club in 1868 and then added the word "City" in 1927. During the [1888–89 season](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/1888%E2%80%9389_Stoke_F.C._season), Stoke joined [the Football League](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/The_Football_League) and after a period in non-league football prior to [World War I](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/World_War_I) Stoke remained there until 2008 when Stoke gained promotion [Premier League](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Premier_League).[[1]](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Stoke_City_F.C._league_record_by_opponent#cite_note-The_Encyclopaedia_of_Stoke_City-1)

Stoke City are founder members of [the Football League](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/The_Football_League), which was created in 1888. Over the years Stoke have played in the [First Division](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Football_League_First_Division), [Second Division](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Football_League_Second_Division), [Third Division](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Football_League_Third_Division), [Third Division South](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Football_League_Third_Division), [Championship](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Football_League_Championship), [Football Alliance](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Football_Alliance), Birmingham & District League and [Southern League](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Southern_Football_League). As of 2008 Stoke compete in the top flight of English football, the [Premier League](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Premier_League).

Stoke's first opponent was [West Bromwich Albion](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/West_Bromwich_Albion_F.C.) in September 1888 who defeated the Potters 2–0. Their most regular opponents have been [Wolverhampton Wanderers](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Wolverhampton_Wanderers_F.C.) having met 140 times whilst Stoke best record is against West Bromwich Albion, Stoke beating the Baggies 57 times. The most league defeats inflicted upon City is against [Sunderland](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Sunderland_A.F.C.)who have triumphed over Stoke 60 times while the most drawn matches have come against [Derby County](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Derby_County_F.C.) with the two teams sharing the points on 37 occasions.