



Brora Rangers

Spectator Safety Policy

Responsibility

The Committee of Brora Rangers Football Club ('The Club') bears ultimate responsibility for the safe operation of Dudgeon Park football ground. The Club Committee has adopted this safety policy and has delegated responsibility for its implementation as follows:

Person with overall Safety responsibility:

Name: John Young
Position: Chairman

Person with day-to-day responsibility:

Name: Grahame Cooper
Position: Safety Officer

In the absence of either person identified above the Club Secretary will assume match day responsibility for safety.

Name: Kevin Mackay
Position: Club Secretary

The Chairman together with the Safety Officer have responsibility for ensuring that this policy is observed and that Club personnel who are engaged in safety duties, clearly understand the requirements of the policy.

Communication

Each member of staff will be advised of the Club policy regarding safety of spectators.

All staff engaged on match day duties will be provided with suitable and sufficient information and training to enable them to carry out their duties.

Monitoring

Members of the Club Committee, the Chairman, Stewards and the Safety Officer will monitor the implementation and effectiveness of the policy and report on a regular basis to the Executive Committee.

Safety Policy Review

This policy will be reviewed and amended as appropriate as follows:

- Following any incident involving spectators
- In the light of findings of investigations
- Where changes to operations or facilities lead to significant changes in working practices

Safe Systems and Facilities

The Club undertakes to ensure, as far as is reasonable practicable that, events at Dudgeon Park are staged in such a way, that the safety of everybody at the football ground.

The Club, through the Chairman, Safety Officer, Stewards and all other Committee Members will ensure the reasonable safety of those attending events at Dudgeon Park. The Club will ensure that systems exist for the safe access, accommodation and egress of spectators.



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Risk Assessments

The Club has undertaken and maintain an assessment of hazards and risks as required by Regulation 3 of the Management of Health and Safety at Work Regulations, 1999 and take account of the findings of relevant assessments when formulating and updating Club policies.

Spectator Management

Spectator management will be controlled as follows:

- **Access to the Ground**

Spectators will be admitted to the ground in an orderly, safe manner through the main Dudgeon Park entry gates. Stewards will be in attendance, as deemed appropriate, to ensure the safety of spectators. People who are clearly under the influence of drink or are in possession of unauthorised objects (including bottles) will not be allowed into the ground.

Please refer to the Dudgeon Park Stadium Regulations for further details.

The Club will ensure that an effective system for counting spectators as they enter the ground is in place so that club officials can ascertain the number of spectators in the ground at any time.

If necessary, appropriate information can be relayed to spectators over the Club Public Address System which can be heard in all areas of the ground.

- **Management of Spectators within the Ground**

Stewards and Club Officials will monitor the safety of spectators in the ground, as appropriate, and report any potential problems. Stewards will be responsible for ensuring that the "No Smoking" policy, for the stands, is implemented. The Public Address System will be used to relay safety related information to spectators. Spectators can enter both stands from either end but Stewards will ensure access / exit walkways are kept clear.

All raised steps/ uneven areas on spectator walkways will be highlighted with high visibility markings.

The maximum number of spectators allowed in the Stand is 194 and the maximum number allowed in the Enclosure is 324.

The calculated capacity in standing areas surrounding the pitch playing surface is 1,462. There is approximately 365m of available space around this perimeter fence. This calculated capacity is based upon the perimeter fence not being classified as a crush barrier, and as such a depth of 1.5m, which equates to 4 spectators deep, has been used. This is in line with the guidance stipulated in the Guide to Safety at Sports Grounds, Green Book.

The ground capacity has been calculated as a total of 1,980.

- **Segregation**

Segregation will be implemented within the Dudgeon Park only when deemed necessary. In instances where this is required an appropriately the North side of the Ground opposite the School will be allocated for away supporters and will be split from the rest of the Ground through the provision of a line of barriers, and will be stewarded as appropriate.



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- **Egress from the Ground**

Spectators will be allowed to leave the ground at the appropriate exits. Stewards and Club Officials will ensure that exit gates are opened before the end of the game and that spectators leave in an orderly manner, with particular consideration given to children and disabled persons. Exits and emergency escape routes will be kept clear of obstructions at all times.

- **Disabled Persons**

A suitable area has been identified and designated for disabled persons use within the ground in front of the Stand.

Stewards will assist disabled persons to enter or leave the ground if such assistance is required. Likewise if requested they will assist disabled person in accessing public amenities e.g. toilets, or refreshment facilities.

- **Stewarding**

The club will ensure that an appropriate number of Stewards are in attendance for each home game. All Stewards will be suitably trained. Stewards will be identifiable by wearing high visibility vests or jackets at all times.

Inspections

The club objective is that spectators attending Dudgeon Park do so in the knowledge that they are in a safe environment and to ensure that the club achieves that objective periodic checks will be carried out.

General, periodic inspections will be carried out by the Chairman and/or Safety Officer and will cover the following areas:

- Exits to ensure that there are no trip hazards and surfaces are not slippery
- Signage where appropriate is in place
- Ground exits are kept clear of obstructions
- Combustible or flammable material is not in evidence
- Fire fighting equipment, as appropriate, is in place and available for use
- All stadium lighting is in working order
- Inspections by the Local Authority are periodically carried out

Contractors

When contractors are working at the ground the club Chairman will ensure that they are made aware of the Club's Safety Policy.

Communications with the Public

The Club's Safety Policy will be relayed to the public as appropriate, through the public address system, match day programme if applicable, or on the Clubs official web site www.brorarangers football In the event of the normal public address system failing a loud-hailer will be available for use.

Communications with Employees

Stewards and Club Officials will be issued with a copy of the Safety Policy and will be discussed at regular Committee meetings.



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Fire Precautions

The Club recognises the potential hazard from fire. To mitigate this, the Club will enforce a strict no smoking policy in all enclosed areas within the ground, including the Stand and Enclosure.

Full details of the Clubs policy on fire can be found in the Clubs Contingency Plan and separate Smoking Policy.

First-Aid / Medical Provision

Club Personnel with Sports Injury First-Aid training will be available on match days. These first aiders will have access to medical equipment as required. In addition, the Club Physiotherapist will be in attendance on match days. The Club has a separate First Aid Plan.

Crowd Doctor

As the ground capacity is not over 2,000 the provision of a doctor at the ground is not deemed appropriate. The local Doctor's Surgery is situated in Brora less than ten minutes from the ground. The local Hospital is situated six miles from the ground at Golspie; ambulances are available at the Hospital.

Club Contingency Plan

The club has in place a Contingency Plan to deal with emergencies and incidents, which might occur during a match or when spectators are queuing to enter the ground.

Controlled copies of the Contingency Plan are available to all Club Safety Personnel, Management and the Emergency Services. A controlled copy will be kept in the Secretaries office at the park should it be required.

The Club Committee, together with the Safety Officer will continually review the Contingency Plan and revise it in the light of lessons learned from any incidents that may take place and in consultation with the Emergency Services.

Maintenance of Records

A record will be kept by the Club Safety Officer of any accident or incident which causes injury other than playing injury which:

- a) Is brought to the notice of the Club Safety Officer or Club Committee
- b) Occurs whilst the Stadium is in use for a specified event, and
- c) Has safety implications

Other records that will be maintained by the Safety Officer are as follows:

- A record of all first-aid and medical treatment provided within the Ground.
- A record on inspections and tests of fire fighting equipment.
- A record of tests on the public address system.
- A record in Defects Log Book of any defect relating to the Safety of the ground together with a record of when such a defect was remedied.
- A letter of compliance issued by the local authority.

Name:

Position:

Signature:

Date:

John Young

Chairman

8/09/15