



**Wick Academy Football Club  
Harmsworth Park Wick  
Stadium Regulations  
WAFC-D-002**



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## **Introduction**

Wick Academy Football Club is a member of the Scottish Highland Football League and is recognised as being Britain's most northerly senior football club. The Club Stadium is The Harmsworth Park, South Road, Wick, KW1 5NH.

This document details the regulations that must be adhered to whilst present within the Harmsworth Park Wick ("The Stadium"). For avoidance of doubt Wick Academy Football Club is referred to in this document as ("The Club").

These stadium regulations will be displayed in key areas within Harmsworth Park.

## **Stadium Regulations**

1. All matches are played in accordance with the Rules and Regulations of the Scottish Football Association, the Scottish Premier League, The Scottish Football League, and the Scottish Highland Football League.
2. Play is not guaranteed to take place on any particular day or at any particular time. The Club with agreement of the Scottish Highland Football League may change its advertised fixtures without prior notice and without liability.
3. All supporters entering the Harmsworth Park must pay for admission in accordance to advertised conditions and rates including season tickets and concessions.
4. Unauthorised persons are not permitted to enter upon the field of play. All persons are required to keep off the playing surface and stay on the spectator side of the park barriers.
5. Only persons specifically authorised by the Club are permitted to offer match programmes, food, beverages or any other articles or substances for sale in the Stadium.
6. The Smoking, Health and Social Care (Scotland) Act 2005 and the Prohibition of Smoking in Certain Premises (Scotland) Regulations 2006 state that no smoking is allowed in premises that are wholly or substantially enclosed. Smoking in No-Smoking areas is strictly forbidden. This includes all enclosed buildings within the stadium, including the north and south spectator stands. Those who do not comply with the smoking policy will be liable to a fixed penalty fine and/or criminal prosecution. Wick Academy Football Club have a separate Smoking Policy, document reference WAFC-P-006.
7. Nobody may stand in any seating area within the main north stand whilst play is in progress. Persistent standing in seated areas whilst play is in progress is strictly forbidden and may result in ejection from the Stadium.
8. The obstruction of gangways, access ways, exits and entrances, stairways and like places is strictly forbidden. Nobody entering the Stadium shall be permitted to climb any structures within the Stadium.

9. Mobile telephones and other communications devices are permitted within the Stadium provided that they are used for personal and private use only.

10. The use of foul or abusive language; racist, discriminatory or sectarian remarks, songs or chants; and the promotion or endorsement of any political organisation are not permitted within the Stadium or on the Club's property. Wick Academy Football Club have a separate Anti Discrimination Policy, document reference WAFC-P-003.

11. Please note it is an offence punishable by law for any person to enter or attempt to enter the Stadium:

- Whilst in possession of a prohibited container which is capable of containing liquid and which if thrown would be capable of causing injury to another person.
- Whilst in possession of alcohol.
- Whilst drunk.
- Whilst in position, or under the influence, of any illegal substances.
- Whilst in possession of any article or substance whose main purpose is the emission of a flare for purposes of illuminating or signalling or the emission of smoke or a visible gas.
- Any article which is a firework.

and all persons entering the Stadium may be searched by the Club Stewards.

12. Articles which could, or might be used as a weapon, or to cause offence, or which are regarded by the Club or the Police as dangerous or unsafe are not permitted within the Stadium. This includes items such as knives, fireworks, smoke canisters, air-horns, flares, weapons, dangerous or hazardous items, laser devices, bottles, glass vessels, cans, poles and any article that might be used as a weapon and/or compromise public safety. Any person in possession of such items will be refused entry to the Stadium, or if found within the Stadium they will be asked to leave.

13. All persons entering the Stadium may be required to submit to search by stewards to prevent prohibited articles which might be used to cause injury or damage other persons or property being brought into the Stadium.

14. The throwing of any objects whether on to the pitch, or surrounding area, or otherwise, is not permitted.

15. Persons use the car parking facilities at the Stadium entirely at their own risk in respect of their persons, the vehicle and any personal property left therein. The Club will not accept responsibility for any damage, accidents or losses.

16. Persons using the car parking facilities are reminded to park in a respectful manner and be mindful of other vehicles. Parking is available at the east end of the pitch at an elevated level allowing persons to watch the match from the comfort of their car. If, however persons do not wish to watch from their vehicle, please park at the rear of the car park to allow others to do so.

17. Spectators are required to exit the Stadium in an orderly manner as soon as practicably possible after the end of each game.

18. In the event of an emergency within the Stadium instructions on any necessary course of action will be announced over the Club public address system. Spectators must follow the advice given in such announcements, or directions given by Club Stewards. Wick Academy Football Club have separate Contingency Plan, document reference WAFC-D-003.

19. At all times, the right of admission is reserved by the Club.

20. All persons entering this Stadium are admitted subject to these Stadium Regulations and to the applicable Rules and Regulations of Scottish Football Association, the Scottish Premier League, The Scottish Football League, and the Scottish Highland Football League.

**ENTRY TO THE STADIUM SHALL BE DEEMED TO CONSTITUTE UNQUALIFIED ACCEPTANCE OF ALL THESE RULES AND REGULATIONS. FAILURE TO ADHERE TO THEM MAY RESULT IN SEIZURE OF SEASON TICKET, OR THE TEMPORARY OR PERMANENT BAN FROM ATTENDING ANY FUTURE HOME GAMES.**

21. The Club reserves the right for its servants, stewards, and agents, and for members of the Northern Constabulary police force to remove from the Stadium any person who does not comply with Stadium regulations and with the rules and regulations of Scottish Football Association, the Scottish Premier League, The Scottish Football League, and the Scottish Highland Football League, or whose presence in the Stadium is or could reasonable be construed as constituting a source of danger, nuisance or annoyance to other spectators.

## **INFORMATION**

Any breach of Stadium Regulations may result in ejection or action by Northern Constabulary.

## **22. COVID-19**

The situation regarding COVID-19 is fluid and guidance from the Scottish Government and the Scottish Football Association regarding it is subject to change, sometimes at relatively short notice. As such no specific information regarding COVID-19 is contained in this document. Any COVID-19 documentation, policies, risk assessments or other such related items will be produced and controlled separately.

## **23. Document Control**

### **23.1 Mandatory Review Date (To be reviewed and published annually).**

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