

# WHITLETTS VICTORIA FOOTBALL CLUB



## GROUND REGULATIONS

## **Introduction**

Whitletts Victoria Football Club (“The Club”) is a member of the West of Scotland Football League and a registered member The Scottish Football Association. The Club Ground is New Voluntary Park, Glenmuir Place, Ayr KA8 9RW. (“The Ground”)

This document details the regulations that must be adhered to whilst present within The Ground.

## **Ground Regulations**

1. All matches are played in accordance with the Rules and Regulations of the International Football Association Board, the Scottish Football Association and the West of Scotland Football League, and all relevant Cup Competitions and their Rules.
2. Play is not guaranteed to take place on any particular day or at any particular time. The Club with agreement of the West of Scotland Football League or Scottish Football Association, may change its advertised fixtures without prior notice and without liability.
3. All supporters entering the Ground 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 Ground.
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. New Voluntary Park is a non-smoking area. Smoking, including the use of e-cigarettes, is strictly forbidden within the boundaries of the stadium. Those who do not comply with the smoking policy will be ejected from the ground and may be liable to a fixed penalty fine and/or criminal prosecution.
7. Nobody may stand in any seating area within the 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 Ground.
8. The obstruction of gangways, access ways, exits and entrances, stairways and like places is strictly forbidden. Nobody entering the Ground shall be permitted to climb any structures within the Ground.
9. Mobile telephones and other communications devices are permitted within the Ground 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 Ground or on the Club's property. The Club have a separate Anti-Discrimination Policy.

11. Please note it is an offence punishable by law for any person to enter or attempt to enter the Ground:
  - a. 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.
  - b. Whilst in possession of alcohol.
  - c. Whilst drunk.
  - d. Whilst in position, or under the influence, of any illegal substances.
  - e. 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.
  - f. Any article which is a firework.

All persons entering the Ground 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 Ground. 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 Ground, or if found within the Ground they will be asked to leave.
13. All persons entering the Ground 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 Ground.
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 Ground 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.
17. Spectators are required to exit the Ground in an orderly manner as soon as practicably possible after the end of each game.
18. In the event of an emergency within the Ground, 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. The Club have separate Contingency Plan, document.
19. At all times, the right of admission is reserved by the Club.
20. All persons entering this Ground are admitted subject to these Ground Regulations and to the applicable Rules and Regulations of Scottish Football Association and The West of Scotland Football League

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

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

#### **Information**

Any breach of Ground Regulations may result in ejection or action by the Police

#### **Document Control**

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