



## **CARNOUSTIE PANMURE FOOTBALL CLUB EST.1936**

### **Ground Safety & Regulations**

#### **GENERAL PRINCIPLES**

The safety of players, officials and spectators is of paramount importance to all club officials. The practical planning and implementation of a safe environment is split between the Chief Executive, Facility Director and Community Director.

The Chief Executive and Facility Director lead on pre-match planning – including liaison with opponents, stewards and Police Scotland (where required).

The Facility Director leads on ensuring a safe environment on the day of the match. Club officials, stewards and police are briefed by the Chief Executive as part of any pre-match planning and liaise with or respond to the Facility Director on the day of the match unless there is a need for Police Scotland to take direct control of any specific incident.

#### **MATCH MANAGEMENT**

##### **Pre-match**

The main point of entry at Laing Park to facilitate spectator entry is located next to the pavilion, should further entry points be required for matches, details will be published on our social media platforms. Additionally, there is disabled access including step free access for wheelchair users from the club car park.

The club encourages supporters (via social media) to arrive at the ground in good time for kick off where a large crowd is expected. Where stewards and/or Police Scotland are required to support match management, they will support queue management and ensure that there are no breaches of the club's policy on bringing alcohol or pyrotechnics into the stadium.

All turnstiles are staffed by club officials. They will implement any instructions given by the Facility Director.

Padlocks will be removed by club officials between 45 minutes and one hour before the start of the match.

Players and officials arriving at Laing Park should enter from the club car park as directed by club officials.



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#### **During the match**

Club officials will staff those entry points which remain open throughout the game to ensure that those who need to exit for whatever reason can do so, and also to monitor who comes into the stadium whilst the match is in progress. Where stewards and/or Police Scotland are required to support match management, they will support the management of exit from or entry to the stadium throughout the match.

#### **Post-match**

All gates remain open at the end of each match to allow spectators to leave easily. Where stewards and/or Police Scotland are required to support our match management, they will help ensure an orderly exit.

#### **EMERGENCY VEHICLE ACCESS**

Emergency vehicle access is via the gate beside the pavilion. There is direct access from there to the playing area or changing rooms. The Facility Director ensures that there are no impediments to any emergency vehicle which needs access to the playing area.

#### **ASSEMBLY POINTS**

In the event of a fire or other incident, there are two Assembly Points – one at the North West corner of the ground and in the club car park – clearly signposted - Emergency Assembly Points.

#### **TEA HUT**

In the event of an incident at the tea hut, supporters will move to the nearest Assembly Area which does not involve them walking past the tea hut. If there is an explosion/fire in the Tea Hut supporters should cross the fence and go on to the pitch to reach the nearest assembly point. Any supporter with additional needs will be assisted by club officials where necessary.

#### **PAVILION**

In the event of an incident in the pavilion, all players and officials should evacuate the building through the nearest exit and move out onto the pitch or nearest Assembly Area.

If it is safe to do so, the Carnoustie Panmure Football Club Facility Manager will check both dressing rooms, the referee's room, toilets and showers. It is the responsibility of both managers to account for all of their players and staff.

#### **Incidents**

Should there be any incidents in Laing Park or the surrounding area please follow the instructions of the nearest member of club staff



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#### **FIRST AID**

In addition to the club physio, Carnoustie Panmure has members of the committee who have attended and secured First Aid certificates. Should you require medical attention please notify the nearest club official

#### **PLAYERS/OFFICIALS ACCESS TO/FROM DRESSING ROOMS TO PITCH**

It is standard practice at Carnoustie Panmure to use the gates to the pitch to create a safe access route to and from the pitch for players and officials before, during and after the match. The gate are managed by a club official.

#### **CAR PARK**

Carnoustie Panmure accept no responsibility for and loss or damage that occurs to vehicles using the club car park. By using the car park you are accepting this.

#### **ALCOHOL**

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

- 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 possession, or under the influence, of any illegal substances.

#### **HANDLING OF PYROTECHNIC DEVICES**

Carnoustie Panmure complies with Section 15.10c of the Guide to Safety at Sports Grounds which advises that ground management must adopt and enforce a clear policy to prevent/prohibit spectators from taking flares or fireworks into Laing Park.

Club officials and stewards are instructed to monitor/search spectators for evidence of pyrotechnics as part of their wider role of ensuring spectator safety. The Facility Manager will lead the management of any incident involving pyrotechnic devices.

“THE SPORTING EVENTS CONTROL OF ALCOHOL ACT 1985 (1985 ACT) (as amended by the Public Order Act 1986)

It is an offence for a person to have in their possession any firework/flare/smoke bomb etc whilst attempting to enter or whilst in any part of Laing Park which is in sight of the pitch, and provides police with the power to search people and to arrest persons committing offences under the Act.”

Club officials are aware of the following issues with pyrotechnic devices:

- A flare can become unstable and react in a different way to that intended
- Hand flares and rockets can readily ignite and cause fires and/or burns to people
- Any burns caused by a flare are likely to be severe



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- Smoke bombs generate “cold smoke” but the chemical reaction which creates the smoke generates heat likely to cause burns to people attempting to move them
- The discharging of a smoke bomb etc may cause crowd disruption due to people quickly trying to get away from the immediate area
- Smoke from flares etc can cause breathing problems

Once a flare has been set off they cannot be easily extinguished and will burn for between 30 – 60 seconds following which it will no longer discharge any light or smoke  
Handling of flares, smoke bombs or fireworks

- Provided there is no immediate threat of escalation or injury, it is safer to allow the flare to burn out before any action is taken
- If a burning flare is dropped on the floor, clear the area and cover the flare with sand. The flare may continue to burn through the sand and therefore further sand may need to be poured on top to minimize the effect of the flare. Once light ceases, use a welder’s glove or similar to remove the remains by the handle and place in a metal bucket of water for at least half an hour
- Use a bucket of sand to place the smoke bomb in and then cover with more sand

As smoke from a device discharged in Laing Park may become visible to supporters in other parts of the ground the Facility Manager **MUST** ensure that supporters are informed that there is no risk to safety.

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