



Ground Regulations Moone Celtic Fortfield Park Moone

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Notice: Entry to the Ground is expressly subject to acceptance by the visitor of these Ground Regulations and the rules and regulations of FIFA, UEFA, the FAI, and the LOI in respect of the relevant competition. Entry to the Ground shall constitute acceptance of the Ground Regulations.

“Club” means Moone Celtic Football Club.

“Staff” means any playing member and committee member

“Football Authority” means each of the Football Association of Ireland (FAI), the League of Ireland (LOI), FIFA, UEFA, and any other relevant governing body of association football.

“Illegal Substance” means any drug which is not legally obtainable, or which is legally obtainable but has not been legally obtained. The term includes prescribed drugs not being used for prescribed purposes.

“Ground” means this football stadium and all locations owned, occupied, or utilised by the Club. **“Match”** means any association football match (or any part or aspect of such a match) taking place at the Ground.

“Material” means any audio, visual and/or audio-visual material and/or any information or data.

“Sanction” is a penalty or other means of enforcement by elected Moone Committee members to provide incentives for obedience of rules or regulations of the club

“Ban” means to prohibit or forbid entry to Moone Fortfield Park.

“Policies and Procedures” means the regulations, policies, and procedures to be adhered to by all those attending the Ground which can be found on or accessed at www.Moonecelticfc.ie.

All persons entering the Ground are admitted subject to the following Ground Regulations and rules, policies, and procedures of Moone Celtic FC (all details are available on www.mooneceltic.ie). The Club reserve the right to admission. Entry to the Ground shall be deemed to constitute unqualified acceptance of the rules and regulations and failure to comply, following admission, may result in ejection and where appropriate further sanction.

These regulations are to be read in conjunction with other Club policies and procedures.

1. Notwithstanding possession of any ticket the Club, An Garda Siochana or an authorised steward may refuse entry to (or eject from) the Ground any person:
 - 1.1. That fails (or in the Club’s reasonable opinion is likely to fail) to comply with these Ground Regulations and/or any reasonable instruction issued by An Garda Siochana or authorised steward or officer of the Club; and/or
 - 1.2. Whose presence within the Ground is, or could (in the Club’s reasonable opinion), constitute a source of danger, nuisance, or annoyance to any other person.
 - 1.3. On no account will admission be granted to a person who is the subject of a current banning order.

2. The Club excludes to the maximum extent permitted by law any liability for loss, injury, or damage to persons/property in or around the Ground.
3. No guarantees can be given by the Club that a Match will take place at a particular time or on a particular date and the Club reserves the right to reschedule the Match without notice and without any liability whatsoever, save only to the extent provided pursuant to paragraph 5.
4. In the event of the postponement or abandonment of the Match, refunds (if any) will be made at the discretion of the Club's management. The Club will have no further liability whatsoever, including (but not limited to) any indirect or consequential loss or damage, such as (but not limited to) loss of enjoyment or travel costs.
5. All persons seeking entrance to the Ground acknowledge the Club's right to search any person entering the Ground and to refuse entry to or eject from the Ground any person refusing to submit to such a search.
6. The following articles must not be brought within the Ground – knives, Illegal Substances, 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 and may face further disciplinary action.
7. Further, you may not bring into the Ground:
 - 7.1. Any sponsorship, promotional or marketing materials save in respect of official Club merchandise and/or other football related clothing worn in good faith.
 - 7.2. Any flags or banners larger than those maximum dimensions permitted by the Club from time to time (or, in the absence of such stipulations, 2 metres x 1 metre) and/or of an offensive nature.
 - 7.3. Nor may you offer (either free or for sale by any person)

any goods (including literature) of any nature, without the express written approval of the Club's management.

8. Spectators are not permitted to bring alcohol into the Ground or to consume alcohol in the stands.
9. The club promote a safe and healthy Environment for all players to exercise and play and for Spectators to enjoy in a safe manner. With this in mind the use of any Cigarettes/ e cigarettes or any substance deemed to be a health Hazard are forbidden and failure to comply with this can result in any person being asked to leave the grounds.
10. The following activities are strictly forbidden and may result in, denied access, ejection from the Ground and further sanctions:
 - 10.1. The use of threatening behaviour, foul or abusive language.
 - 10.2. Attempting to enter the Ground or be inside the Ground whilst under the influence of alcohol or an Illegal Substance.
 - 10.3. Being in possession of an Illegal Substance when entering the Ground or inside the Ground.
 - 10.4. Being in possession of alcohol when entering the Ground or whilst in the stands.
11. Racial, homophobic, or discriminatory abuse, chanting or harassment is strictly forbidden and may result in arrest and/or ejection from the Ground and subsequent disciplinary action.
12. The following acts are offences:
 - 12.1. The throwing of any object within the Ground without lawful authority or excuse.
 - 12.2. The chanting of anything of an indecent or racist nature.
 - 12.3. The entry onto the playing area or any adjacent area to which spectators are not generally admitted without lawful authority or excuse.
13. The assault of any spectator, Staff, playing member or committee member

14. Nobody may stand in any seating area whilst play is in progress. Persistent standing in seated areas, may result in ejection from the Ground.
15. The obstruction of gangways, access ways, exits and entrances, stairways and like places is strictly forbidden.
16. Nobody entering the Ground shall be permitted to climb any structures within the Ground.
17. Mobile telephones and other mobile devices are permitted within the Ground provided that they are used for personal and private use only (which, for the avoidance of doubt and by way of example only, shall not include the capturing, logging, recording, transmitting, playing, issuing, showing, or any other communication of any Material for any commercial purposes).
18. Any individual who has entered any part of the Ground designated for the use of any group of supporters to which they do not belong may be ejected from the Ground either for the purposes of their own safety or for any other reason.
19. No goods (including literature) of any nature may be offered either free or for sale by any person within the Ground without the express written permission of the Club.
20. If Tickets are sold for a given match they are not transferable and may not be offered for sale without the prior written permission of the Club or otherwise in accordance with the relevant ticket terms and conditions. Any tickets that are transferred are transferred subject to these Ground Regulations. Any tickets offered for sale may be confiscated by any steward, officer of the Club or An Garda Síochána. The Club reserves the right to refuse admission to or eject from the Ground, and/or exclude any person who has offered for sale or transferred his/her ticket in contravention of the relevant ticket terms and conditions (and/or the holder of any ticket that has been transferred in contravention of the relevant ticket terms and conditions). Tickets always remain the property of the Club.
21. CCTV cameras may be in use around and in the Ground. Body worn video cameras and other devices recording video and/or audio may also be used as appropriate, to record images or audio which identifies you as an individual, for example to

record prohibited behaviours. The Club may itself use or pass to the An Garda Síochána or any Football Authority or other clubs, any recordings for use in any proceedings.

22. At all times whilst present in the Ground, persons must comply with all instructions of any official in their capacity as a volunteer or otherwise or officer of the Club and/or An Garda Síochána (including without limitation any instructions regarding health and safety, such as those in respect of communicable diseases, and such persons shall comply with any government guidelines in respect of the same). Failure to comply with any instruction may lead to denied access or ejection from the Ground.
23. By entering the Ground, all persons are acknowledging that photographic images and/or audio, visual and/or audio-visual recordings and/or feeds (and/or stills taken therefrom) may be taken of them and may also be used, by way of example and without limitation, in televised coverage of the game and/or for promotional, training, editorial or marketing purposes by the Club, the LOI or others (including commercial partners and accredited media organisations) and entry into the Ground constitutes consent to such use. You further acknowledge that photographic images and/or audio, visual and/or audio-visual recordings and/or feeds (and/or stills taken therefrom) may be used (by the Club or by a third party, such as a law enforcement body) to identify you as an individual, where permitted by data protection laws, for the purposes of preventing or detecting crime, or any breach of these Ground Regulations.
24. Further to paragraph 22, if such person is under 18 years of age, the parent, guardian, or responsible adult who is accompanying them into the Ground shall be deemed to have provided consent on their behalf.
25. Any person found damaging or defacing the property of the Ground or Club will be subject to disciplinary action and possible prosecution.
26. Religious or political advertising, banners and slogans are strictly prohibited.

27. Sale or distribution of publications or any other items inside the Ground, without written permission is strictly forbidden.

28. Refused entry to (or ejection from) the Ground may lead to further action by the Club including, but not limited to, the withdrawal of any season ticket (without reimbursement), Club membership and other benefits.

29. Please see table 2.0 for list but is not exhaustive and also applies to away matches (where reported) and all other Moone FC related events and facilities. Furthermore, the club reserves the right to administer and regulate any offences not anticipated in this list. These are club guidelines and recognise that An Garda Siochana reserve all their rights.

Acceptable Behaviour Policy

Moone Celtic FC strives to create a positive, safe, and friendly atmosphere that is welcoming to supporters of all ages and backgrounds.

The Club received requests to update our policies. This led to engagement with a wide range of stakeholders, including supporters, to devise an Acceptable Behaviour Policy that represents the values we strive for at Moone Celtic FC Club, not just at Fortfield park, off old N9 Moone by pass, but also as we travel across the country (and Europe if applicable).

Supporters who contravene these regulations can expect to be ejected from Fortfield Park and/or any other facility managed by the Club, and in certain circumstances, issued with a Grounds ban. It is important to note that the breach of some Ground Regulations may also constitute a criminal offence and the Club will support An Garda Siochana in their enquiries and where necessary, any subsequent prosecution.

We will also look to provide guidance and support to any supporters or other eyewitnesses who report an incident or help to further an investigation.

Where a supporter is identified to have breached the Ground Regulations or brought the Club's name into disrepute, including in relation to away fixtures, further action will be taken in line with the guidance within this charter.

Prohibited Items

The following items are not allowed to be brought in to Fortfield Park (Moone Celtic FC) and/or any other facility used or managed by the Club:

- Pyrotechnics, flares, smoke bombs, and fireworks etc.
- Knives, weapons (or items considered to be weapons).
- Air horns, loud hailers (megaphones) and certain musical instruments.
- Large and/or golf umbrella or any item that may be used as a weapon and/or compromise public safety.
- Professional recording equipment (audio and visual) or equipment that is deemed to be professional.
- Laser devices, bottles, glass vessels, cans, and poles This list is not exhaustive and further information is shown at the facility entrances. The complete Ground Regulations can be found at www.moonecelticfc.ie.

Away Matches

All supporters are to act and behave as ambassadors of the Club when travelling to away matches. Supporters should not engage in any unacceptable behaviour travelling to and from an away match and within the opposition ground itself.

Examples of unacceptable behaviour include (but are not limited to) breaching the Ground Regulations and engaging in any behaviour or using language which in the opinion of the Club is threatening, intimidating, racist, discriminatory, abusive, or offensive and/or which is likely to cause a nuisance or harassment to any other person or compromise public safety. This may also include (but is not limited to) taking hazardous or banned substances into the ground, the use of illegal drugs and other illegal

substances, using foul or abusive language, throwing objects, entry onto the playing area or any areas where spectators are not permitted, and chanting which is racially motivated.

Supporters are asked to respect the stewards and officials of the opposition club, for the duration of the match.

The Club reserves the right to investigate incidents at any time that evidence is presented to them and will work with An Garda Siochana and other authorities where a criminal act may have taken place.

When children are traveling to away matches, please check with the opposition club what their rules are regarding the supervision of children, as rules can vary. Please ensure that children are safe and properly supervised by a responsible adult before, during and after the game.

Grounds Sanctions or Bans at Moone Celtic FC Fortfield Park

The Club recognises that no two incidents are the same. The Club management will consider all available evidence when dealing with incidents and determining the length of a ban or sanction, if applicable. The table called Appendix 2.0 indicates the type of penalties that may be issued against supporters or people in the grounds of Moone FC.

Please note this is intended as guidance only and the Club reserve the right to suspend a supporter if deemed necessary:

- Bans or Sanctions may carry over from one season to the next.
- Sanctions apply to home matches, but restrictions can remain in place preventing the purchase of away matches.
- The Club reserve the right to uplift and/or apply additional sanctions not shown.

The Club management reserve the right to issue a written warning or to ban / Sanction any supporter or other individual from Moone Celtic FC Fortfield Park and/or other facilities operated by the Club, for breaches of the Ground Regulations. Where deemed appropriate by the Club, a

warning/suspension of a supporter's privileges will be dependent upon them signing and returning an **Acceptable Behaviour Agreement**.

The banning or Sanctions order will outline the nature of the offence and the specific Ground Regulation that has been breached. It will also indicate the length of ban or Sanction, either as a fixed number of matches or a period.

Denied Access Ejection Written Warning Matches 3-month ban or Sanction 6-month ban or Sanction 1-year ban /sanction 2-year ban/Sanction 3-year ban /sanction 4-year ban / Indefinite ban

Where possible, banning or Sanction letters will be issued within 10-working days of the match at which the offence took place, or within one working day of the next home match (if this follows within a week of the previous home match). Circumstance and investigations may extend these guidelines.

Where deemed appropriate by the Club, the reinstatement of a banned or Sanctioned supporter's privileges will be dependent upon them signing and returning an **Acceptable Behaviour Agreement**, which can be provided if required.

Appeals Process

The Club recognises the right to reply for any individual who has been issued with a Grounds ban or Sanction.

Should a supporter be dissatisfied with the final response that they have received from the Club in relation to their ban or Sanction, can appeal the decision to any committee member made available on the website. All appeals must be in writing either by email or post, providing a detailed response in relation to the issue or specific point(s) that are being appealed to mooneceltic@hotmail.com

Upon receipt, a review of the issue or specific points(s) raised within the appeal will be considered by management. The Club will try to respond to any appeal within 10-working days, though this period may increase during

peak times or if further investigation is required. The Club will endeavour to provide updates on our progress should a longer period be required. The findings of this review will be conveyed in writing and will be considered final by the Club.

Reporting Incidents

The Club recognise that most supporters come to the pitch to watch a football match and not to listen to abusive or indecent language from the Grounds. Any discriminatory behaviour, which includes, shouting, chanting or actions such as racist, sectarian, homophobic, sexist, or anti-disability behaviour, is unacceptable.

If a supporter witness's incidents like these they are encouraged to be in contact with a Staff member as defined in these rules and report their concerns, as this will enable us to act on them as quickly as possible.

Feel free to contact the club at moonecelticfc@hotmail.com or a committee members named on the website to report incidents. Personal information will be kept confidential.