CLACHNACUDDIN FOOTBALL CLUB (1990) LTD

CLACH-D-003 - CONTINGENCY PLANS - SEASON 2024 / 25

POSTPONEMENT OF A MATCH (CONTACT: CLUB SECRETARY DOUGLAS NOBLE)

1.1 The Club after consultation with Police Scotland, shall postpone or abandon the Match or delay the kick-off if this becomes necessary to protect the safety of spectators inside, or persons outside the Stadium for whatever reason. He/she shall also take such actions if instructed to do so by Police Scotland on the same grounds note condition 1.14. The referee and Scottish Highland Football League must be informed of any such decision.

SIGN-POSTING/INGRESS AND EGRESS

1.2 The sign-posting of ingress and egress routes indicated on the drawings, and ways to toilets, refreshments, or other facilities, and the identification of seat rows and numbers, best ingress routes to each seat, from the adjacent streets, and any other signs which are provided in the interest of safety, as agreed in detail with the Highland Council, shall be maintained at all times. No alteration shall be made to such signs, which have not had prior agreement of the local authority. (All Safety signs must confirm to Health and Safety Regulations.)

1.2.1 Notwithstanding the generality of Section 8 of the Act, the number, size and situation of entrances to and exits from the Stadium and means of access to any such entrances or exits, shall be those on the drawings, and no alteration shall be made to them, to any extent or in any detail, without the prior written approval of the Highland Council.

1.2.2 Notwithstanding the generality of Section 8 of the Act, doors or gates shown on the drawings for use by spectators at any time shall not be altered in any respect without the prior written approval of the Highland Council.

1.2.3 All ingress and egress routes between, or from, any part of the ground, including any function room, which may be occupied during a Match, or, at such other time by spectators or members of the public, to the external air, must be kept free of any obstruction, (whether temporary, or mobile, or otherwise) and be available for immediate use, without the aid of a key, except for the turnstiles.

1.2.4 All exit doors and gates to the stadium, and all gates leading from the spectator areas into the playing area must open outwards, away from the spectators.

1.2.5 Those exit gates and doors indicated to be under “Steward Control”, shall be kept in the open position except when the Police Scotland require them to be closed, but not locked. The Steward should guard against abuse and ensure immediate escape routes in the event of an emergency evacuation.

1.2.6 The ‘Emergency Tannoy Announcement’, which is sounded over the Public Announcement System, shall be to signal the fact that all doors and gates are to be opened urgently, to facilitate an emergency evacuation.

PASSAGEWAYS/EXITS

1.3 All public passageways, corridors, stairs, doors and gates will be kept free of any obstructions that could impede the free flow of spectators during an event. Any locked gates must be opened immediately in the event of an emergency.

PARKING

1.4 No parking of vehicles within the boundary of the Stadium or near the emergency exits or entrances, shall be permitted, except those, which have been approved, and are indicated on the drawing. The temporary parking position for the visiting players’ coach shall be kept clear in the period from one hour before the start to thirty minutes after the finish of a fixture.

KEEPING SPECTATORS INFORMED IS AN ESSENTIAL ELEMENT IN SAFETY MANAGEMENT

1.5 Therefore, the Club, or Police Scotland if necessary, shall not hesitate to use the public address system, whenever advice or instruction to all spectators is required or would be helpful in the interests of safety. The individual responsible for the public address system should be in contact with, preferably both, the Safety Officer and Police Scotland before during and after the game.

FACILITIES FOR THE DISABLED

1.6 Wheelchairs used by disabled persons shall be accommodated in the approved locations in the covered stand. A seat shall be provided, if required for a helper for each wheelchair user. The provision of signage in the stand for the access/egress and facilities for the disabled must be adequate for the intended use.

LIGHTNING STRIKES

1.7 In order to protect those on the field or in other parts of the stadium from lightning strikes, the stadium should be equipped with the appropriate safety devices.

CONTROL POINT

1.8 The Secretaries office will be available for the Safety Officer and Police Scotland should be occupied at all games. The public address system should be used to communicate with spectators whenever necessary.

STEWARDS

1.9 All stewards should adhere to the Club's Stewarding Policy (CLACH-D-004)

MEDICAL

2.0 First Aiders are present at each match to assist the treatment of spectators. In the event of a major incident, the Safety Officer should contact the Ambulance Service immediately.

POLICE SCOTLAND

2.1 The Club accepts that if there is an emergency or major incident at the stadium, Police Scotland will assume full control of the situation. At the Police Officer's request, the stewards or Club officials must be available to help with the situation.

FIRE SERVICES

2.2 In the event of a Fire, an announcement will be made over the Tannoy System. The Safety Officer should instantly communicate with the Fire Brigade and meet them at the Emergency Services Rendezvous Point upon their arrival. If it is safe to do so, fight the fire using the nearest fire extinguisher, close all doors and windows as soon as possible and then evacuate all personnel to an area of safety. If it is safe to do so, stewards should remain in their position to help with the evacuation of spectators.

UTILITIES

2.3 In the event of failure of any of the utilities the appropriate authority must be contacted as soon as possible to rectify the issue and in all circumstances a Club official must be informed at the earliest convenience.

USEFUL CONTACT NUMBERS

Fire	01349 835804
Police Scotland	101
Raigmore Hospital	01463 704000
Scottish Hydro	0800 300999
Gas	0800 111999
Water	0800 778778
Heating - Orion Group	01463 230860
S.E.P.A	0800 807060
Highland Council	01349 886611

Emergency Vehicles Rendezvous Point – Wyvis Place car-park

Evacuation Points – Lower Kessock Street and Pumpgate Street access

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