

Hibs urge semi-final fans to 'enjoy the day in a safe and sensible manner.'



Ahead of tomorrow's William Hill Scottish Cup Semi Final with Dundee Utd, Hibs have asked supporters to enjoy the day in a safe and sensible manner.

A statement on the club website reads:

"Over 30,000 Hibernian supporters travelled to Hampden last month, with the vast majority a credit to the club with their behaviour.

The Scottish FA will not tolerate Unacceptable Conduct at a match at Scotland's National Stadium, Hampden Park or at away stadia hosting matches of the Scottish FA.

The following information provides notice of what amounts to Unacceptable Conduct and the sanctions which the Scottish FA may seek to impose upon those individuals who commit Unacceptable Conduct.

This statement of Unacceptable Conduct should at all times be read in conjunction with the terms of the Ground Regulations.

Unacceptable Conduct

Unacceptable Conduct takes place where a person present at or in the immediate environs of a match engages in Violent Conduct and/or Disorderly Conduct.

A person will also commit Unacceptable Conduct if at or in the immediate environs of a match, they assist another or others engaged in Violent Conduct and/or Disorderly Conduct.

Violent Conduct

Violent Conduct means conduct where there is:

(I) Actual, attempted or threatened physical violence against a person or persons; or

(II) Intentional damage to property;

Disorderly Conduct

Disorderly conduct means:

(I) Conduct which stirs up or sustains, or is likely or designed to stir up or sustain, hatred or ill will against or towards a group of persons based on their membership or presumed membership of a group defined by reference to a Category or against an individual who is or is presumed to be, by the person or persons engaged in the Conduct, to be a member of such group;

(II) Using threatening, abusive, or insulting words or conduct;

(III) Displaying any writing or other thing which is threatening, abusive or insulting; or

(IV) Using words or conduct or displaying any writing or other thing which indicates support for, or affiliation to, or celebration of, or opposition to an organisation or group proscribed in terms of the Terrorism Act 2000 and any successive or replacement legislation thereto;

Sanctions

Any person committing unacceptable conduct and/or any person who assists another or others to commit unacceptable conduct may be subject to any, or a combination of the following:

- refusal of entry to the stadium
- removal from the stadium

- suspension from attending matches of the Scottish FA
- indefinite ban from attending matches of the Scottish FA
- be the subject of a report to Police Scotland and/or any prosecuting authorities which may result in possible criminal proceedings