

# Edinburgh City join Hibs and Hearts in Scottish League



For the first time in twenty years, a third team from the capital will be playing league football this season after Edinburgh City sealed their place in Scottish League Two.

After winning the Lowland League title, City disposed of Cove Rangers in the Pyramid Play-Off semi-final then beat East Stirlingshire 2-1 on aggregate in the final.

The club will now play in the Betfred Scottish League Cup for the first time and have been drawn in the same group as Hamilton Academical, St Mirren, Livingston and Ayr United.

They are based at 16,000 capacity Meadowbank Stadium which was originally built for the Commonwealth Games of 1970 and also hosted the games in 1986.

Edinburgh City Football Club were founded in 1928. and joined the Scottish Football League as an amateur club three years later.

Their most notable result came during the 1937/38 Scottish Cup when they defeated Hibernian 3-2 at Easter Road in the first round of competition before losing out to Raith Rovers in the next round.

During the Second World War the club played in the Lothian Amateur League and were admitted to the C Division in 1946.

They left the Scottish Football League in 1949 and switched to junior status playing in the Edinburgh & District Junior League before having to cease activity completely in 1955, when the local council refused to renew its lease on its home ground, City Park.

The Edinburgh City Football Club Ltd (Social Club), which had continued trading throughout the abeyance of the football club, gave their approval in 1986 for Postal United to use the Edinburgh City name.

The club has regularly participated in the Scottish Cup since the mid-1990s, when it became a full member of the Scottish Football Association.

The club applied to join the Scottish Football League in 2002, after Airdrieonians had gone bankrupt but lost out to a successful Gretna FC application and applied again following Gretna's liquidation in 2008 which Annan Athletic FC were elected.

The club won the East of Scotland Football League Premier Division title for the first time in the 2005-06 season.

In 2011, former Trinidad and Tobago, Hibernian, Rangers and Falkirk legend Russell Latapy came out of retirement aged 43 to play for the club.

In 2013 City resigned from the East of Scotland League to join the newly formed Scottish Lowland Football League which was set up to institute a football pyramid system with the winners of both the lowland and highland league vying for a place in the Scottish Football League.

City won the Scottish Lowland Football League in 2014-15 but lost out to Brora Rangers in the Play-Offs.

The club also have a fantastic youth section ranging from children as young as 5 years old through to their Under-19 team who play in the various youth leagues within the Edinburgh area.

The Under-20 team play in the East of Scotland League where their home games are also based at Meadowbank Stadium.

