

# SAUCHIE JUNIORS FOOTBALL CLUB



**BEECHWOOD PARK**  
**SAUCHIE**  
**FK10 3AX**  
(Established 1960)

## HEALTH & SAFETY

Sauchie Juniors believes that the health and safety of its employees, volunteers, opposition guests and all supporters is paramount. The Club Committee recognises and accepts its responsibilities as an organisation to provide:

- A safe working environment
- A safe system of operation
- Safe control of Spectators
- Safe equipment
- A safe, happy and healthy environment for all

### Safety Policy for Sauchie Juniors FC

By necessity the club understands the need for a straightforward, simple Health and Safety policy which reinforces a "safety first at all times" approach. Sauchie Juniors has a responsibility to everyone who attends Beechwood Park - no matter in what capacity. Our committee volunteers are responsible for their own safety and the safety of others. They must recognise hazards when they see them and act quickly, safely and appropriately. We have addressed Health and Safety through regular audits but we will strive to continuously improve with experience.

### Safety Objectives

- Maintain and Improve standards as listed in the "Guide to Safety at Sports Grounds"
- Ensure that every person in the club is well supported in providing a safe environment for spectators, visitors and their own colleagues
- Always look to improve or better the systems that are in place
- Avoid all incidents and breaches of safety by encouraging a feeling of pride through effective teamwork

## ORGANISATION FOR HEALTH AND SAFETY ROLES & RESPONSIBILITIES

### **PRESIDENT**

The Chairman has overall responsibility to lead the committee in all aspects of Health and Safety at Sauchie Juniors FC. Further responsibilities include:

- Ensuring that Health and Safety policy is administered either personally or by delegation
- Setting standards and leading by example in promoting Health and Safety and ensuring that others do likewise.

### **SECRETARY**

- Ensure that staff, committee and other volunteers operate safely and within the Health and Safety Policy
- Ensure that staff, committee and other volunteers receive adequate and appropriate safety training
- Maintain liaison with external bodies to ensure that we have the most up to date information on Health and Safety
- Ensure that the Health and Safety Policy is properly resourced and maintained

### **TREASURER**

- Ensure that all tools and equipment necessary for a safe environment are well maintained and inspected
- Maintain documentary evidence of Health and Safety audits
- Ensure that work methods are reviewed to ensure that risks and hazards are reduced and addressed by audit and assessment
- Ensure that all personnel are aware of the hazards and risks associated with manual handling and that all risks are correctly assessed and addressed

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### COMMITTEE

- Develop and implement a Health and Safety Plan to realise the objectives of this policy and update it regularly
- Ensure that each individual understands the policy and that they have equal responsibilities
- Understand the appropriate legislation and ensure that they are strictly adhered to
- Be part of the disciplinary procedure for anyone who fails to discharge their safety policies properly
- Ensure that all breaches of the policy are properly reported, recorded and investigated

### COMMITTEE CONSULTATION

- According to the Sauchie Juniors FC statutes it is a regulatory requirement for the committee to be consulted on matters affecting their safety and health
- It is vital that the committee feel that they can discuss without fear or favour any Health and Safety matters
- Everyone is encouraged to talk and discuss items of concern
- From now on part of our monthly Monday meeting will be devoted to Health and Safety at work Issues to log any incidents and/or action to be taken

### COMMUNICATION

The committee at Sauchie Juniors meet every Tuesday to discuss all aspects of the club's business. We actively promote a safe environment and a Health and Safety policy which is easy to read, understand and amend. The policy:

- sets out why it is needed
- shows the clubs aspirations, values and standards
- demonstrates that the club has effective systems and plans in place
- encourages commitment to the aims and objectives therein
- allows committee members to offer their own ideas for improvement
- measures how well the Club is progressing

### COMPETENCE AND TRAINING

The committee at Sauchie Juniors recognises the need to have a Health and Safety policy which is specific to the needs of the football club so that everyone can work with it. When volunteers take on new roles or tasks, we will offer

- Specific training
- Implement a training programme where required
- Measure its effectiveness
- Modify the training requirements as necessary

### PLANNING AND IMPLEMENTATION

#### IDENTIFYING HAZARDS AND BEING IN CONTROL OF THE RISKS

It is important that club officials know the difference between a Hazard and a Risk. Training and exercise improve risk assessment and its application in everyday work at the football club

- Hazards must be identified
- Any risk emanating from these hazards must be controlled
- Risks must be removed, reduced and controlled

### HEALTH AND SAFETY COMMITTEE

It is the responsibility of the football club to have a Health and Safety committee whose main function is the maintenance and improvement of our policy. At Sauchie Juniors the Chairman chairs a monthly meeting of the club committee to which all members are urged to attend. That meeting will discuss Health and Safety including:

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- Outstanding business from last meeting
- Reported incidents
- Safety Audits
- Review of audits
- Safety performance chart
- Actions to be taken

The Agenda will focus on what is relevant and what has been reported.

### SPECTATOR CARE AND MANAGEMENT

#### RESPONSIBILITY FOR SPECTATORS

The club is well versed in managing its normal attendance levels but big games come with additional risks so it is vital that all committee members are aware of their responsibilities when dealing with larger than normal spectator numbers. From the moment they arrive at Beechwood Park until the moment that they depart spectators expect a safe, enjoyable and controlled environment.

#### CONTROLLING SPECTATOR NUMBERS

Entry to Beechwood Park is by numbered ticket paid for at the turnstile or by the production of a Season Ticket. The following procedures will apply at the gate:

- The starting number for tickets to be issued will be noted
- A ticket will be issued to spectators
- Season Ticket holders must to show their ticket
- The Treasurer will then subtract the first from the last number

#### STEWARDS

The following policy applies when controlling and managing spectators into the ground:

- If stewards are required it will be the responsibility of the Chairman or Secretary to appoint them
- The steward will be wearing a club tie and a Sauchie Juniors Jacket
- If a large crowd is expected a meeting of the stewards will be held 90 minutes before the game
- The announcer will be responsible for directing evacuation procedures
- The committee member stewarding is responsible for advising the Secretary if they think there may be disorder

#### CONTINGENCY PLANS

Contingency Plans come into force when:

- There is disorder in the ground
  - ACTION – Immediate police liaison, proper identification of the source of the problem
- Delayed Start
  - ACTION – Announcement over the tannoy, message sent to Social Club, message relayed to visiting club and support (if sufficiently early notice period), liaison with match officials and, if necessary, the police
- Adverse weather conditions
  - ACTION – No spectators to be allowed into the ground until the inspection takes place, announcements to be relayed to visiting support and Social Club

#### GROUND ACCESS

The Committee will ensure that

- All routes are clear into the ground
- Single file entry is the norm



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- Any incident in the flow of traffic is dealt with expeditiously

#### **VIEWING AREAS**

Beechwood Park is one of the best grounds for viewing in the country with its hard standing around the whole of the pitch some concrete steps, we also have a main stand and 1 covered enclosure.

#### **MEANS OF ESCAPE**

##### **TURNSTILES (North)**

All Turnstiles/Gates will remain open until the crowd has dispersed at the end of a match.

Padlocks will be removed by the Turnstile Operators prior to the game starting and remain on bolt until 30 minutes from the end of the game when the gates are opened

##### **MAIN GATE**

This gate is used to vacate the ground after the match and to be used in an emergency. It is the access point should an ambulance be required at any time during a match. There is no bolt on the gate - it can be opened from the inside at all times.

##### **ASSEMBLY POINTS**

In the event of a fire or other incident there are 4 Assembly Points – one at each corner of the ground.

##### **SNACK BAR**

Should a fire break or other incident occur in the Tea Hut, supporters on that side of the ground should move to the Assembly Area at the north side of the ground.

##### **COVERED ENCLOSURE**

There are signs which go out on match days pointing to the Emergency Assembly Areas.

##### **SAUCHIE JUNIORS SOCIAL CLUB**

If there is a fire then they MUST evacuate the building quickly by the fire exit or the main entrance door and safely move out to the Assembly Points or the Football Pitch

##### **SAUCHIE JUNIORS HOSPITALITY LOUNGE**

If there is a fire then they MUST evacuate the building quickly through the entrance door and safely move out to the Assembly Points or the Football Pitch

##### **PAVILION**

Should a fire begin in the Pavilion stand all Players and Officials from both teams MUST evacuate the building through either of the entrance door and move out to the Football Pitch or the Assembly Areas. If possible the Kit Man would check both dressing rooms and the Referees Room and then it is the responsibility of both Managers to check their numbers to ensure that everyone is out of the building. If the Alarm sounds the Treasurer (or designated Committee Member) ensures that the Toilets, Wash Room and Managers Room are cleared.

#### **CONTROL MEASURES**

##### **STAFF/COMMITTEE TRAINING**

It is essential that every member of the Sauchie Juniors committee understands the importance of Health and Safety and how to manage incidents. They should be aware of:

- How the Alarm System operates
- How to use the Fire Extinguishers
- How to call the Fire Services

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- All the escape routes to be known to them
- Where to assemble after leaving the fire area
- How to assist anyone with Special Needs

As a Committee, we have a huge responsibility for Safety and it is incumbent upon the Club to arrange for training in Safety at Work. The secretary will keep records of maintenance, inspections and actions carried out by the committee.

### MEASURING PERFORMANCE

#### MEASURING ACHIEVEMENT AND COMPLIANCE

There is no point in having a Health and Safety Policy unless there is measurement as to how efficient it is. The committee need to know how well they are doing, whether they are achieving the objectives set and how well they are controlling risk. To ensure an effective Health and Safety Policy Sauchie Juniors must ensure that it has effective measurement of information and appropriate action thereafter. Procedures include –

- Action reports from each Tuesday meeting
- Health and Safety Items on the Agenda at Tuesday meetings
- Have an Incident Report Book
- Note all incidents at the Tuesday meeting and have appropriate action to deal with it
- Audit the Policy regularly
- Divide the audits into people, equipment, procedures, club rules, fire equipment and electrical equipment

#### REPORTING

- All incidents to be reported to a member of the committee
- It is vital that everyone should feel comfortable giving information whether suggesting improvement or seeking specific response
- Should the system not be right then shortcomings must be addressed as a matter of urgency at the first Monday meeting
- It is important that any incident is reported promptly - preferably on the same day
- All incidents must be minuted
- The committee will decide whether an incident needs investigation unless it is urgent in which case the Chairman, Secretary, Asst Secretary and/or the Treasurer have permission to deal with it
- If possible the committee should receive details of the whole incident, who was involved, any underlying circumstances and any witnesses

### AUDITING FOR QUALITY

#### AIMS OF AN AUDIT

- To check that the appropriate action was taken
- To check that all information and equipment was in place
- To provide evidence that the Risk Control System was appropriate
- To judge the adequacy and performance through people interview, examination of documents and any visual observation

#### THE CONDUCT AND PUBLISHING OF A REVIEW

The main object of the review is to ensure the maintenance of the Safety Management System so that it improves in line with the health and safety charter. Performance reviews allow us to make judgements about the adequacy of the performance of the club's officials and policies and how to remedy any problems which have been discovered. An annual Safety Review should be published in the minutes of a Tuesday night meeting – minuted and seconded. A copy of the system and any reviews should also be placed on the Club's official website.



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#### **7.3 TRAINING NEEDS FOR COMMITTEE**

The Committee duties are wide and varied but must always cover the following points:

- Properly dressed with club jacket and tie or club polo shirt
- How to win friends and influence people
- Know the rules for season ticket handling
- Control of people in and out of the ground
- Action required if there are delays at the Turnstiles
- Trying to stop pitch invasions and reporting the same
- When necessary know where the Police and First Aid People will be
- Understand the ground evacuation plan
- Helping spectators to leave the ground safely and quickly after the match
- Clean all areas of the ground

This document and Health & Safety review was done June 2020 with a yearly review thereafter.

Next Review Date – June 2021