



HEALTH AND SAFETY POLICY

Newry City Athletic Football Club recognise our duties and responsibilities as detailed in the Health and Safety at Work (Northern Ireland) Order 1978 and related legislation.

The Chairman and committee regard safety as an integral of the activities conducted at our venue.

The person with responsibility for Health and Safety of the activities of this organisation is Martin McLoughlin Chairman.

Command Structure

The following outlines the safety structure at Newry Showgrounds and each of the positions listed below have a role in health and safety arrangements at Newry Showgrounds:-

Club Chairman

Martin Mc Loughlin is the Club Chairman (on a voluntary basis) and member of the Management Committee. He has overall responsibility for health and safety arrangements at the Sports Ground. He will ensure that appropriate persons are appointed to devise and implement safety arrangements, and that suitable resources are made available to address safety related issues. He will promote a culture of safety within the organisation.

He is also the Qualified Person as defined in the Safety of Sports Grounds (NI) Order 2006, and will endeavour to ensure compliance with the Terms and Conditions contained in the Safety Certificate.

Safety Officer

The Safety Officer is Andrew Boyd. He has control of operational matters at Newry Showgrounds, including safety related arrangements at specified activities. He will ensure that Risk Assessments are carried out in relation to the safety of spectators and others at the Sports Ground. He will implement the controls identified in the Risk Assessments. He will draft management plans for the safety of spectators and ensure that they are implemented. He will ensure a Contingency Plan is drafted, and tested. He will ensure that all safety personnel are properly trained and briefed. He will ensure the Sports Ground is inspected at appropriate times and ensure the terms and conditions of the Safety Certificate are followed.

He will report to the committee on all safety related issues, including the condition of the Sports Ground.

Assistant Safety Officer

The Assistant Safety Officer is Ronan McGrath. He will assist the Safety Officer with operational matters at Newry Showgrounds, including safety related arrangements at specified activities.

Event Controller

The Event Controller will be responsible for the operational safety management within the stadium. The Event Controller will liaise with the police on the methods and control mechanism for the admission of spectators, when required.

Safety Supervisors

Safety Supervisors will be appointed and will follow the direction of the Safety Officer, monitor and direct the work of the stewards, and assist in the implementation of the safety plan for specified activities at the sports ground. They will communicate information to and from the Safety Officer to all relevant persons.

The Supervisors will report to the Safety Officer.

Stewards

Stewards will follow the direction of the Supervisors in the implementation of the safety plan for specified activities at the venue.

Stewards will report to the relevant Supervisor.

Other Staff

Other staff will follow directions given to them by the Safety Officer. They will undertake duties as directed by the Safety Officer or other identified person.

They will report to the Safety Officer or other identified person.

Contractors

Contractors will undertake the duties specified to them by the Safety Officer or other identified person. They will provide Risk Assessments, Method Statements or other safety related documentation as requested.

They will report to the Safety Officer or to another identified person.

Arrangements for Ensuring Health and Safety

The Safety Arrangements at the Sports Ground will be based on the control measures identified in Risk Assessments carried out. The Safety Officer will arrange for Risk Assessments to be carried out in relation to the activities associated with the activities conducted at the venue, and in particular the arrangements to ensure the safety of spectators attending specified activities.

The arrangements for undertaking risk assessments are:-

- The safety officer will arrange for risk assessments to be undertaken
- The findings will be reported to the Management Committee
- The Qualified Person will approve the control measures that are adopted
- The Safety Officer and Qualified Person are responsible for ensuring all actions required are implemented
- The Safety Officer and Qualified Person will check that the actions remove or reduce the risk
- The Safety Officer will review the risk assessment.

The arrangements for providing safety training are:-

- The Safety Officer is responsible for organising training
- The Safety Officer will ensure all training is appropriate
- The Safety Officer will ensure training records are maintained

The arrangements for crowd management are:-

- Methods to assist crowd management will include the completion of a Safety Management Plan, spectator segregation and positioning safety stewards at strategic locations around the stadium.
- At least six trained stewards will be used to monitor the crowd

The arrangements for the Planned Preventative Maintenance Programme are:-

- The Safety Officer will be responsible for drawing up the programme
- The Safety Officer will ensure the appropriate persons undertake inspections and tests of the safety systems
- The Safety Officer will maintain records of tests and inspections

The arrangements for drawing up a Medical Plan are:-

- The Safety Officer will be responsible for developing and monitoring the effectiveness of the plan
- The Safety Officer will be responsible for maintaining a record of injuries to spectators

The arrangements for developing contingency plans are:-

- The Safety Officer will be responsible for this plan
- The plan will be tested at least annually
- The Safety Officer will arrange for the plan to be reviewed in the light of an incident

Health & Safety of Spectators

The Management Committee of Newry City Athletic Football Club, are committed to the safety and health of all spectators, and will ensure that named persons with specific responsibilities for safety, undertake to ensure, as far as is practicable, that all activities taking place within the stadium are conducted in a manner that places 'spectator safety' above all other considerations.

The club's primary responsibility will be to ensure the reasonable safety of all persons attending the stadium.

The club has appointed an Event Controller who will be consulted on all safety issues.

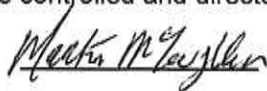
It will be the responsibility of the Event Controller and Event Organiser to liaise on behalf of the club with Newry Mourne and Down District Council, The Police Service of Northern Ireland, Northern Ireland Fire Brigade, and Northern Ireland Ambulance Service and all other agencies in relation to specific events at the stadium.

He will ensure that all representatives of the club engaged in safety operations are aware of the club's safety policy as outlined in this document.

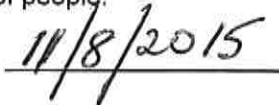
The Event Controller will attend all 'designated events' (when possible) held at the stadium and be responsible for the operational safety management within the stadium. The Event Controller will liaise with the police on the methods and control mechanism for the admission of spectators, when required. He will identify those areas within the stadium to which spectators will be admitted, together with those strategic gates that should be manned so as to ensure the safety of spectators.

The Safety Policy will ensure through Safety Management, that spectators entering or leaving the stadium are controlled and directed to achieve an even flow of people.

Signed:-



Date:-



Martin Mc Loughlin
Chairman