

Equality Policy

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Statement of Intent

The aim of this policy is to ensure that everyone is treated fairly and with respect and that our club is equally accessible to all. Sevenoaks Town FC intention is to confront and eliminate discrimination whether by reason of age, gender, gender reassignment, sexual orientation, marital status, race, nationality, ethnic origin, colour, religion or belief, ability or disability, and to encourage equal opportunities.

Policies

Sevenoaks Town Football Club is responsible for setting standards and values to apply throughout the club at every level. Football belongs to and should be enjoyed by anyone who wants to participate in it.

Sevenoaks Town Football Club in all its activities will not discriminate or in any way, treat anyone less favourably on grounds of age, gender, gender reassignment, sexual orientation, marital status, race, nationality, ethnic origin, colour, religion or belief, ability or disability. The club will ensure it treats people fairly and with respect and that it will provide access and opportunities for all members of the community to take part in and enjoy its activities.

Sevenoaks Town Football Club will not tolerate harassment, bullying, abuse or victimisation of an individual, which for the purposes of this policy and the actions and sanction applicable is regarded as discrimination. This includes sexual or racially based harassment or other discriminatory behaviour, whether physical or verbal. The club will work to ensure that such behaviour is met with appropriate action in whatever context it occurs.

Sevenoaks Town Football Club is committed to taking positive action where inequalities exist and to the development of a programme of ongoing training and awareness raising events and activities in order to promote the eradication of discrimination and promote equality in football.

Sevenoaks Town Football Club is committed to a policy of equal treatment of all members and requires all members to abide and adhere to these policies and the requirements of the Equality Act 2010.

Sevenoaks Town Football Club commits itself to the immediate investigation of any claims when brought to its attention, of discrimination on the above grounds and where such is found to be the case, a requirement that the practice stop and sanctions are imposed as appropriate.

In cases where an investigation concludes that discrimination has been proved, the guilty party will face a sanction determined by Sevenoaks Town Football Club. This may include sanctions such as a minimum of a one year stadium and club ban, as well as compulsory re-integration training.

For further guidance and advice:

<https://www.kentfa.com/leagues-and-clubs/equality-and-diversity#:~:text=Football%20is%20open%20and%20accessible,disability%2C%20faith%2C%20or%20age.>

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