



## Spartans FC Disability Policy

It is our aim to ensure there are no barriers to the use of Ainslie Park Stadium by disabled supporters and as such we aim to provide easily accessible information about the stadium's facilities and use.

Access to Ainslie Park Stadium for wheelchair users and other disabled spectators is through designated entrances around the stadium.

### Wheelchair Accessible Main Stand

Main Entrance Home Support 4 wheelchair user spaces	From the Pilton Drive turnstile gate, access is level via the double gate to Main Stand. Turn right to designated wheelchair user areas in front row of Main Stand. The access area is level with spaces at the halfway line and midway between the penalty box and halfway line. Each space has designated adjacent seating for carers.
Side Entrance Visiting Support 2 wheelchair	From Pilton Avenue access gate visiting supporters gain access to Main Stand. Access is level straight ahead to designated wheelchair user area in front row of Main Stand. The access area is level leading to spaces midway between the halfway line and penalty box. Each space has designated adjacent seating for carers.

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Main Stand	See ambulant disabled.

### **Wheelchair Accessible Terraces**

Opposite Main Stand	1 designated space plus 1 companion uncovered
Outwith Main Stand, the area alongside the pitch and the area behind the goals at the Clubhouse end of the ground. (Excluding grass embankments.)	Areas are wheelchair user friendly but uncovered.

### **Ambulant Disabled**

There are no specific areas of the ground that facilitate access for the ambulant disabled, however, there are several seats which can be accessed easily by those persons using crutches, sticks or walking frames. Please call Academy Office for more information before you book your tickets.

### **Parking Arrangements**

A limited number of Accessible Car Parking spaces are available on match days in the ground and can be reserved by prior arrangement through the Academy Office. There are facilities in the Ainslie Leisure Centre car park for Blue Badge Holders.

## Toilet Facilities

Toilet facilities for disabled spectators are all easily accessible and the schedule of toilet provision at each level is as follows:

Cafe/Bar Level 1 via lift from reception area	1 disabled unisex WC and 1 female access WC available.
Ground Level	Through reception, 1 disabled unisex WC and 1 available in Changing Room 1.
Alternative disability WC facilities - all ticket matches only	Disabled unisex portaloos.

## Refreshment Facilities

Cafe/Bar	Access from main entrance of Clubhouse Building through door via disability access button into reception where the lift is situated for accessing cafe/bar on level one and disability friendly toilets.
Outside cafe shop	Occasional additional outside cafe kiosk on ground floor of Clubhouse Building behind the goals is also wheelchair accessible.

## Pricing Policy

For Spartans FC controlled events, wheelchair disabled spectators pay a concession price with one companion (if required) admitted free of charge. Ambulant disabled spectators pay allocated ticket price and, if required, one companion will be admitted free of charge. Where control over the availability of matchday tickets is under the control of the Ticket Office, the pricing policy will be determined by the club.

### **Guide Dogs**

Guide Dogs will be permitted in the stadium by prior arrangement with Academy Office. In order to provide sufficient room and comfort for the dogs numbers will be restricted.

### **Emergency Evacuation**

Spartans FC recognises that the safety and welfare of spectators is paramount in the successful operation of the stadium. It has to plan carefully for every eventuality and emergency evacuation procedures have been developed by stadium management in consultation with the City of Edinburgh Council in accordance with the Safety of Sportsgrounds Act.

The evacuation plan will depend on the location of any incident and the location of wheelchair positions. Spectators are requested at all times to follow the directions and advice of the appointed stewards. Please note that stadium lift will not be available for the evacuation of wheelchair users during an emergency.

### **Disabled Access Enquiries**

If you have any queries not covered by the above information, please contact Garry Betts [garrybetts@spartanscfa.com](mailto:garrybetts@spartanscfa.com) or the Academy Office on 0131-552-7854 and we will be pleased to help.