

## The Spartans FC Disability Policy

It is our aim to ensure there are no barriers to the use of Ainslie Park Stadium for supporters with a disability 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.

Please contact our Disability Officer, Garry Betts on 0131 552 7854 or email [garrybetts@spartanscfa.com](mailto:garrybetts@spartanscfa.com) or [tigger3@talk21.com](mailto:tigger3@talk21.com) for further information.

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### Wheelchair Accessible Main Stand

<p>Main Entrance</p> <p>Home Supporters 4 spaces plus 2 Away supporter spaces</p>	<p>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.</p> <p>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.</p> <p>2 spaces available on Balcony of Clubhouse by prior arrangement.</p> <p>Please contact our Disability Officer, Garry Betts on 0131 552 7854 or email <a href="mailto:garrybetts@spartanscfa.com">garrybetts@spartanscfa.com</a> or <a href="mailto:tigger3@talk21.com">tigger3@talk21.com</a> for further information.</p>
<p>Northside Entrance</p> <p>Visiting Support</p> <p>All ticket matches only.</p>	<p>From Pilton Avenue access gate visiting supporters gain access to Main Stand designated wheelchair user area in front row of Main Stand.</p>

	<p>The access route is level leading to spaces midway between the halfway line and the penalty box. Each space has designated adjacent seating for carers.</p> <p>2 Wheelchair user spaces in Main Stand.</p> <p>Please contact our Disability Officer, Garry Betts on 0131 552 7854 or email <a href="mailto:garrybetts@spartanscfa.com">garrybetts@spartanscfa.com</a> or <a href="mailto:tigger3@talk21.com">tigger3@talk21.com</a> for further information.</p>
Main Stand	See ambulant disabled.

### **Wheelchair Accessible Terraces**

Outwith Main Stand	The area alongside the pitch beside the main stand and the area behind the goals at the Southside of the ground are wheelchair friendly. These areas are uncovered.
Outwith Main Stand	The grass area behind the goals on the Northside of the pitch is not wheelchair friendly.

### **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 contact Disability Officer Garry Betts 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 Disability Officer Garry Betts. There are also Accessible Car Parking spaces in the Ainslie Park 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 on Level 1	1 disabled unisex WC and 1 female access WC available on Level 1.  Access via lift from reception area.
Ground Level	Through reception, 1 disabled unisex WC in corridor and 1 accessible available in Changing Room 1.
Alternative disability WC facilities - All Ticket matches only	Disabled unisex portaloos.

### **Refreshment Facilities**

Cafe/Bar on Level 1	Access from main entrance of Clubhouse Building Reception through door with disability access button into reception where the lift is situated for accessing cafe/bar on level one.
Outside cafe shop	Occasional additional outside cafe kiosk on ground floor of Clubhouse Building behind the goals on the Southside of the ground. This is also wheelchair accessible.

### **Pricing Policy**

For The Spartans FC controlled events, wheelchair user spectators pay a concession price with one companion (if required) admitted free of charge. Ambulant disabled spectators pay the 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 The Spartans Community Football Academy Office. In order to provide sufficient room and comfort for the dogs, numbers will be restricted.

## **Emergency Evacuation**

The Spartans FC recognises that the safety and welfare of spectators is paramount in the successful operation of the stadium. It has planned 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 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 our Disability Officer, Garry Betts on 0131 552 7854 or email [garrybetts@spartanscfa.com](mailto:garrybetts@spartanscfa.com) or [tigger3@talk21.com](mailto:tigger3@talk21.com) for further information.

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