

## NAIRN COUNTY FOOTBALL CLUB LTD



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**National Club Licensing: Medical/First Aid Provision for Spectators: SFA/NCL Section 5.14**  
**Nairn County Football Club: Safety Management System & Contingency Plans**  
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### **Introduction**

- The Club is committed to providing First Aid Provision for spectators on match days and has since 1999 developed an operational practice in terms of managing such situations following advice from Dr Calum Macaulay of the Nairn Healthcare Group who is based at Nairn Hospital, Cawdor Road, Nairn, tel: 01667 452096.
- Nairn County FC football stadium directly adjoins Nairn Hospital which has, with its opening in July 2010, enjoyed a multi-million pound new development with 24hr A&E medical cover by a doctor 365 days of the year and the day to day operations of the local GP practices all contained within the one fully integrated complex.
- Station Park Stadium is indeed privileged to enjoy the close proximity of the hospital and has direct gate access to the A&E facilities, being 100 metres in distance.
- The operation of our First Aid Provision, upon the advice of Dr Macaulay, reflects a common sense approach given the ability of Nairn County FC and Station Park to directly inter-relate with the delivery of full medical support if and whenever called upon.

### **1.0 Match Day First Aid Provision for Spectators**

- 1.1** The average Match Day spectator attendance at Station Park is some 350 persons, albeit for local derby games the crowd can be expected to average 750 persons.
- 1.2** The Club always has First Aid capability available on Match Days which, on the advice of Dr Macaulay, is operated as follows:-
  - a) Simple graze or minor injury requiring treatment to be dealt with at Station Park Medical Room with the proviso that if a secondary reason for such minor injury is perceived to be the case then transport the patient directly to the A&E unit at Nairn Hospital. This course of action is recommended by Dr Macaulay.

- b) Medical/illness problem – transport directly to Nairn Hospital A&E. If this does not prove possible then call an ambulance, failing which stretcher the affected person via the private gate connecting Station Park to the hospital.
- c) Dr Macaulay also advises that in the event of a perceived serious illness (e.g. heart attack) of a spectator, given the close proximity of the hospital A&E, the duty doctor can be contacted and could visit Station Park immediately. The same applies to a player serious injury.

- 1.3** On all Match Days a medi-evacuation car is located in the Station Park main entrance forecourt adjoining the front door for transport to the hospital.
- 1.4** The Nairn County FC Station Park gate linking directly to the hospital is maintained unlocked but secure from 2 pm to 5 pm or on evening matches from 7 pm until 10 pm.
- 1.5** In the event of minor injury treatment to be undertaken at Station Park as referred to under 1.2(a), such will be conducted in the Club's Medical Room which remains open from 2 pm and 5 pm on match day. Clearly, if such treatment is greater than 5 minutes then despatch to hospital is advised by Dr Macaulay as best practice.
- 1.6** If serious vomiting or toilet movements involved then the fully equipped disabled toilet, which is large enough to accommodate First Aid supervision, is available until the ambulance or paramedics arrive.

### **Conclusion**

- The Club's policy and Match Day practice in regard to Spectator First Aid provision has worked extremely efficiently since 1999 during which time two minor injuries have been treated at Station Park and one serious medical illness immediately transported to the Hospital A&E unit.
- The Club is fully committed to maintaining the highest standard of First Aid provision and care for spectators attending Station Park.
- Finally, in the preparation of the Club's declared policy and Match Day Action Plan in regard to Spectator First Aid Provision, Dr Macaulay's advice and wise counsel prevails.
- This assessment to be read in conjunction with the Club's Medical Risk Assessment undertaken to compliment the Club's Match Day operation.