



Anti-Discrimination and Equal Opportunities Policy

AC Finchley Anti-Discrimination Policy

AC Finchley Community 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 everyone, equally. Our commitment is to confront and eliminate discrimination whether by reason of sex, sexual orientation, race, nationality, ethnic origin, colour, religion or disability.

Equality of opportunity at AC Finchley means that in all our activities we will not discriminate or in any way treat anyone less favourably, on grounds of sex, sexual orientation, race, nationality, ethnic origin, colour, religion or disability.

This includes:

- The advertisement for volunteers.
- The selection of candidates for volunteers.
- Courses.
- External coaching and education activities and awards.
- Football development activities.
- Selection for teams.
- Appointments to salaried positions
- Appointments to honorary positions.

AC Finchley must make reasonable adjustments to make sure employees with disabilities, or physical or mental health conditions, aren't substantially disadvantaged when doing their jobs.

AC Finchley will not tolerate sexual or racially based harassment or other discriminatory behaviour, whether physical or verbal, and will work to ensure that such behaviour is met with appropriate action in whatever context it occurs.

AC Finchley is committed to making those involved in the club aware of the issues by drawing reference to this policy on the club website at the annual season opening coaches meeting, in order to promote the eradication of discrimination within its own organisation, and within football as a whole.

AC Finchley Equal Opportunities Policy

AC Finchley Community Football Club is committed to a policy of equal treatment of all members and requires all members of whatever level or authority, to abide and adhere to this general principle and the requirements of the Codes of Practice issued by the Equality and Human Rights Commission.

All members are expected to abide by the requirements of the Equality Act 2010.

Specifically, discrimination is prohibited by:

- Treating any individual on grounds of gender, colour, marital status, race, nationality or ethnic or national origin, religion, sexual orientation or disability less favourably than others.
- Expecting an individual solely on the grounds stated above to comply with requirement(s) for any reason whatsoever related to their membership, which are different from the requirements for others.
- Imposing requirements on an individual which are in effect more onerous on that individual than they are on others. For example, this would include applying a condition which makes it more difficult for members of a particular race or sex to comply than others not of that race or sex.
- Victimisation of an individual.
- Harassment of an individual, by virtue of discrimination.
- Any other act or omission of an act, which has as its effect the disadvantaging of a member against another, or others, purely on the above grounds. Thus, in all the Club's recruitment, selection, promotion and training processes, as well as disciplinary matters, it is essential that merit, experience, skills and temperament are considered as objectively as possible.

Club Procedure

In the first instance, any written, verbal or physical activity that is thought to contravene this policy should be reported to the appropriate Club Welfare Officer or a Committee Member as soon as possible giving full details of the activity. The reported behaviour will be investigated initially by the CWO and, if confirmed, the parties will be instructed to cease such behaviour or amend the offending text immediately should it be found to contravene this policy.

Since discrimination in its many forms is against the Football Club's policy, any members offending will be dealt with by an appointed panel under the club disciplinary procedure who will make any decision regarding sanctions. All such incidents will be reported to the Management Committee.