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## **Lincoln City Football Club Supporter Charter**

### **Purpose of this Charter**

This Supporter Charter sets out the standards of conduct expected of all supporters of Lincoln City F.C. (“the Club”) at home and away fixtures.

The Charter reflects the Club’s commitment to:

- Providing a safe, inclusive and welcoming environment at the LNER Stadium and all away stadia;
- Upholding the regulations of the English Football League (“EFL”);
- Complying with The Football Association (“FA”) Rules;
- Supporting football-wide initiatives to eradicate discrimination and disorder from the game.

### **The Club’s Commitment to Equality and Inclusion**

The Club operates a zero-tolerance approach to discrimination of any kind.

In accordance with the Equality Act 2010 and FA/EFL regulatory requirements, the Club is committed to ensuring that no supporter, employee, player or visitor is subjected to discrimination on the basis of:

- Age
- Disability
- Race, ethnicity or nationality
- Religion or belief
- Gender
- Sexual orientation
- Gender reassignment
- Pregnancy and maternity
- Marriage or civil partnership

The Club actively supports football-wide anti-discrimination initiatives and expects all supporters to contribute positively to an inclusive matchday environment.

### **Anti-Discrimination Policy**

#### **Prohibited Conduct**

The following behaviour is strictly prohibited and will be treated as a serious breach of this Charter:

- Racist, homophobic, sexist, transphobic, ableist or religious chanting;
- Use of discriminatory slurs or abusive language;
- Monkey chanting, racially offensive gestures or imitation;
- Displaying or distributing discriminatory, extremist or offensive material (including banners or flags);
- Targeted abuse of players, officials or supporters based on protected characteristics;
- Online discriminatory abuse connected to fixtures or Club activity;
- Encouraging others to engage in discriminatory conduct.

The Club makes clear that so-called “banter”, humour, rivalry or tradition is not a defence to discriminatory behaviour.

Supporters are responsible for the content of chants in which they participate.



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## **Supporter Conduct Standards**

Football is a passionate game and positive support is encouraged. However, the following conduct is prohibited:

### **Violent Conduct**

- Actual, attempted or threatened violence;
- Throwing objects;
- Pitch incursions or entry to restricted areas;
- Damage to property;
- Possession of offensive weapons.

### **Disorderly Conduct**

- Threatening, abusive or insulting language or gestures;
- Discriminatory chanting (as defined above);
- Use or possession of pyrotechnics, flares or smoke devices;
- Drug use or possession;
- Excessive intoxication leading to disorder;
- Standing in gangways or blocking emergency exits;
- Any breach of EFL Ground Regulations.

### **Club Sanctions Tariff**

See Supporter sanctions policy

See Supporter sanctions procedure

### **Governance & Review**

This Charter will be reviewed annually, or earlier where required by regulatory change, to ensure continued compliance with FA and EFL requirements and evolving best practice.