

### **Disabled Supporters Policy**

St Mirren Football Club is committed to ensuring that our disabled supporters and customers have full access to all goods, services and facilities provided or offered to the public by the club.

## ENTRY FOR WHEELCHAIR AND AMBULANT SUPPORTERS



# N/B Due to the introduction of the Disabled Viewing Platform the Capacity of the stadium is now 7,937

To avoid the use of turnstiles at St Mirren Park <u>wheelchairs with carers and ambulant</u> <u>persons can gain access via the following gates</u> which are all clearly marked and are shown on the above plan:

Main Stand M2 & M3 West Stand W1 & W4 South Stand S1 North Stand N3 (Away Support)

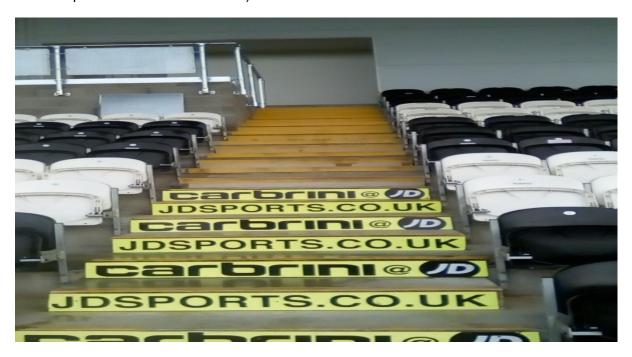
Accessible seats are available in all stands for ambulant disabled.

#### **ACCOMMODATION**

Raised Viewing Platform (North End of Main Stand) – A raised viewing platform is provided at the upper level (North end) of the Main Stand (Sections M1 and M2) for 10 wheelchair users and their carers.

**Access is by:** Lift from the Main Entance, along the corridor and then via the Supporters Bar.

**Emergency Egress is by:** The main escape route is via the South radial gangway. (Signed from the platform as Fire Exit Route)



**Platform users match days**: are the subject of a Personal Evacuation Plan assessment/evaluation with decisions made as to the most suitable evacuation route for each individual. A safety briefing is then delivered by staff pre match with individual platform users advised on the arrangements for their individual evacuation.

The front row of each stand is for wheelchair users and their friends and family. There are four stands at St Mirren Park namely:

The North Stand (Away Support)
The South (Family) Stand (Mainly Home Support)
The Main (East) Stand (Mainly Home Support)
The West Stand\* (Mixed See Below)

\* N/B The north end of the West Stand is sometimes segregated to afford extra capacity for away supporters.

A limited numbers of **free car parking** spaces are available for both home and away disabled supporters. The home spaces are distributed via the St Mirren Disabled Supporters Association and the away spaces along with a matchday ticket can be booked, subject to availability, via the Ticket Office on 0141 889 2558, Option 1.

**Accessibility:** All entrances are step-free and direct wheelchair access is available to most public areas of the premises. The car parking facilities are situated in close proximity to the various points of entry to the stadium.

**Admission Charges**: If a wheelchair user/ambulant disabled attends admission is charged at our concession rate. If the wheelchair user/ambulant disabled is entitled to a carer for mobility purposes and are receiving the highest rate of PIP then the carer will be allowed free access.

**Customer Care:** Our staff, stewards and all match day personnel are tasked with ensuring that disabled supporters and customers are at all times treated with due patience, politeness, courtesy and practical assistance.

The club, its employees and stewards shall not discriminate between people with differing impairments.

St Mirren Football Club is aware that any incidents of discrimination under the provisions of THE EQUALITY ACT 2010 are serious matters, which could lead to appropriate disciplinary action being initiated.

Any grievance relating to the provisions of the THE EQUALITY ACT 2010 will be dealt with promptly by a senior member of staff.

A copy of our written disabled supporter's policy is available on request.

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