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SAFE STANDING AT FOOTBALL MATCHES POLICY

	Reason for review	Amendments
07/04/2009	New Policy Approved	Not Applicable
07/05/2014	Periodic Review	Minor amendments
09/02/2017	Periodic Review	Revised Format
11/04/2019	Periodic Review	No changes

1. Introduction

This document is drafted in accordance with the Rules of Reading Football Supporters' Society Limited and sets out the Policy towards Safe Standing at Football Matches adopted pursuant to a resolution at a Board Meeting held on 7th April 2009.

2. Definitions

Definitions of the terms used in this policy are laid out in a separate Definition of Terms document, which should be read in conjunction with this policy.

3. Policy

3.1 STAR considers that the existing regulations which, as a condition of licensing, require football clubs in the English and Scottish leagues to provide all-seater stadia, and which were implemented following the acceptance by the Government of Lord Justice Taylor's Report into the "Hillsborough Disaster", are unenforceable and are in need of urgent review.

- 3.2 STAR believes that it is imperative that there be open discussions on the issue involving the relevant Government departments, safety authorities, football authorities and representatives of supporters.
- 3.3 STAR supports the freedom of choice for those who wish to stand and those who do not or cannot and believes that it is vital that a solution be implemented that respects the wishes of both parties. STAR considers that this can only happen with the implementation of separate areas for both standing and seating – with the proviso that these are purpose-designed to be safe for all supporters.
- 3.4 STAR considers that the cost of tickets for any section of a football ground that is designated as a safe standing area should not be less than the cost of tickets for equivalent seating areas.
- 3.5 STAR supports the “Safe Standing” Campaign generally, since it considers that small custom-designed safe standing areas, incorporating the latest technology, is the only way forward that meets the needs of both groups.
- 3.6 Under current legislation, STAR cannot condone supporters standing in areas designed as seated accommodation.

4. Review

This policy will be reviewed by STAR’s Board biennially, but members may call for it to be reviewed at any time by contacting the Secretary.