



Anti Discrimination & Equal Opportunities Policy

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 Brooklyn 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
- Attendance at courses
- External coaching and education activities and awards
- Football development activities
- Selection for teams
- Appointments to honorary positions.

Brooklyn 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. Brooklyn is committed to the development of the programme of ongoing training and awareness raising events and activities, in order to promote the eradication of discrimination within its own organisation, and within football as a whole.

Brooklyn 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 Equal Opportunities Commission and Commission for Racial Equality. All members are expected to abide by the requirements of the Race Relations Act 1976, Sex Discrimination Act 1986 and Disability Discrimination Act 1995.

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 Brooklyn'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.

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.

Brooklyn FC commits itself to the disabled person whenever possible and will treat such members, in aspects of their recruitment and membership, in exactly the same manner as other members. The difficulties of their disablement permitting, assistance will be given, wherever possible, to ensure that disabled members are helped to gain access. Appropriate training will be made to such members who request it.