



Jewish Gooners

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JEWISH GOONERS CONSTITUTION

31st July 2024

1. The club is called Jewish Gooners Supporters Club [JGSC]. It was officially recognised by Arsenal Football Club on 14th February 2023.
2. JGSC has a web presence containing content and links relevant to our activities as a private members social club at <https://jewishgooners.org/>. Copies of the Constitution, Code of Conduct and associated rules, regulations and policies are made available there.

AIMS AND OBJECTIVES

3. To support Arsenal Football Club and to promote and maintain the good name of Arsenal Football Club.
4. To provide an inclusive social space for Jewish Arsenal fans, allies and friends on matchdays and within the wider Arsenal community.
5. To provide support to Arsenal FC, where appropriate and needed, on issues relating to Jewish religion, culture and identity, and to preventing and combatting antisemitism.

MEMBERSHIP

6. Members, including the Committee (as required by Arsenal Football Club), are enrolled into the following categories:
 - a. Membership: This is intended for all who wish to be involved with the social activities of JGSC.
 - b. Membership Plus (by application): This requires paid membership of Arsenal FC and additionally entitles request for match tickets via JGSC.
7. Membership categories are: (a) Adult member (aged 18 or over) and (b) Junior member (aged 17 or under)
8. All members are subject to this Constitution.
9. Fees are to be renewed annually prior to the beginning of the season. The level of fees, reviewed annually, is determined by the Committee

GOVERNANCE

10. It is the specific requirement and condition of Arsenal Football Club that every official supporters club has a Committee of the named and properly constituted supporters' club. The Officers are deemed to be voluntary positions.
11. The Committee shall hold meetings as often as appropriate and shall make decisions relating to JGSC.
12. The Treasurer and two account examiners will be responsible for the finances of JGSC.

CLUB RULES AND CODE OF CONDUCT

13. All members are subject to this Constitution. The Club is obliged to conduct its business as a social club in compliance with the law. By joining JGSC all members are deemed to have accept the regulations, rules, policies and codes of conduct endorsed by the JGSC.
14. The Code of Conduct is available as a separate document.

JEWISH GOONERS CLUB RULES AND CODE OF CONDUCT

31st July 2024

1. Jewish Gooners Supporters Club [JGSC] is obliged to conduct its activity as a social club in accordance with the rules of Arsenal FC and in compliance with the law as well as in line with our Constitution.
2. All members (of all types of membership) are subject to the Code of Conduct and Constitution, as well as Arsenal FC policies. Anyone joining JGSC is deemed to have accepted such regulations, rules, policies and codes of conduct which are endorsed by the JGSC Executive Committee.
3. Anyone (member or guest non-member) who is in breach of club rules or brings either Arsenal FC or JGSC into disrepute at a match is liable to be disqualified from JGSC and the use of its services. [See the Disciplinary Action & Appeals section below].

CLUB RULES

4. Members of JGSC are not permitted to resell or transfer match tickets obtained through the club to third parties, including other club members, under any circumstances.
5. Unwanted tickets must be returned to the Committee.
6. All tickets issued by JGSC are subject to Arsenal FC's Terms and Conditions and ground regulations.
7. Junior Members are classified as being under 18 years of age.
8. In accordance with Arsenal FC rules, junior members under the age of 14 may only purchase tickets for or attend home matches if accompanied by an adult.
9. Where it comes to away match attendance with JGSC, juniors under the age of 14 (or older if other clubs have a higher age policy in their club rules) may only purchase tickets or attend matches with an adult member to whom they are formally related. The club will not be responsible for junior members travelling alone.
10. No junior member (aged under 18) may purchase tickets, attend matches or travel with JGSC to abroad matches without being accompanied by an adult member to whom they are formally related.
11. Members shall refrain at all times from all forms of violence and verbal abuse of any kind whilst attending Arsenal matches or in possession of Arsenal match tickets.
12. Members shall refrain at all times from being drunk and disorderly whilst attending Arsenal matches or in possession of Arsenal match tickets. Members must observe the law in that being drunk in a football stadium is an offence.
13. Members shall refrain at all times from using hate speech, including racist, ableist, homophobic or other discriminatory language.
14. Members shall refrain from excessive, offensive and directly aggressive language or conduct whilst attending Arsenal matches or in possession of Arsenal match tickets.

CODE OF CONDUCT

15. Any member in breach of Club Rules will be immediately suspended.
16. The Committee reserve the right to refuse membership or ticket acceptance at any time.

17. Behaviour likely to give Arsenal FC or JGSC a bad name, including being unnecessarily disorderly, abusive and aggressive, will result in suspension until the Disciplinary Officer¹ decides appropriate action.

18. Jewish Gooners Supporters Club has a Zero Tolerance Policy towards any member (or anyone using its facilities - bus/coach/tickets) that behaves in a way that is likely to damage the reputation of either Arsenal FC or JGSC. Examples of such behaviour includes:

- (a) Ejection from an Arsenal match – home or away
 - (b) Being refused admission to an Arsenal match – home or away
 - (c) Racist, ableist, homophobic, sexist or other hateful language online or at matches
- This list is not exhaustive.

19. Anyone (member or non-member) that brings either Arsenal FC or JGSC into disrepute at a match is very likely to be disqualified from JGSC and the use of its services. Such behaviour causes damage to the reputation of both Arsenal FC and JGSC. If anyone attending an Arsenal match sees someone behaving in such a manner they have a duty to report it (confidentially) to Arsenal FC and/or the Disciplinary Officer (or a member of the JGSC Committee who will pass it to the Disciplinary Officer).

20. If anyone becomes aware of a member passing on or selling a ticket without explicit permission from the Committee they also have a duty to report it. Failure to do so may result in their own membership being suspended or revoked.

DISCIPLINARY ACTION & APPEALS

21. If any JGSC Member is witness to either a breach of Arsenal FC rules or JGSC Code of Conduct, it is their duty to report this (in strict confidence) to the Disciplinary Officer.

22. Any formal complaint will be investigated by the Club. Any complaints concerning any member (including Committee members) should be made by email to the JGSC Disciplinary Officer.²

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JEWISH GOONERS CHILD SAFEGUARDING POLICY

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1. Child safeguarding is the responsibility of all organisations and should be at the heart of all organisational cultures.
2. Arsenal FC has a comprehensive child safeguarding system, including policy and procedures.¹
3. This policy sets out the actions that must be taken if there is concern about the welfare of a child or young person who is in contact with Jewish Gooners Supporters Club [JGSC].
4. JGSC is a social club and cannot undertake investigation into any suspicion or allegation about the abuse of a child. However, all members have a responsibility to take appropriate action if they have concerns about the welfare of a child and to report to JGSC's Child Safeguarding Officer, Arsenal FC's Child Safeguarding Officer², and/or to make an external referral to agencies that specialise in safeguarding children.
5. We have a responsibility to make sure that JGSC does no harm to children, and we take active measures to prevent the harm and abuse of children. We will never turn a "blind eye" or tolerate any form of behaviour that abuses, neglects or exploits children.
6. A child is any person under the age of 18.
7. This Policy applies to all members of JGSC.
8. JGSC has zero tolerance of child abuse. It is committed to safeguarding all children without discrimination. All JGSC members must commit to and uphold the principles and standards child safeguarding. By accepting that child abuse could happen, JGSC is committed to its prevention.
9. All matters raised and dealt with under the child safeguarding system will respect the privacy of the child, will prioritise the best interests of the child, and will follow International Child Safeguarding Standards.³

1 file:///C:/Users/ol913772/Downloads/Safeguarding%20Children%20and%20Young%20People%20Policy%20V0822_0%20(2).pdf
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3 <https://www.keepingchildrensafe.global/international-child-safeguarding-standards/>

