



Royal Wootton Bassett Town FC Equal Opportunities Policy

1. PURPOSE

The aim of this policy is to ensure that everyone is treated fairly and with respect and that Royal Wootton Bassett Town Football Club is equally accessible to them all.

2. SCOPE

Royal Wootton Bassett Town Football Club is responsible for setting standards and values to apply throughout the club at every level. Football belongs to and should be enjoyed by anyone who wants to participate in it. Our commitment is to confront and eliminate discrimination whether by reason of gender, sexual orientation, marital status, race, nationality, ethnic origin, colour, religion or belief, ability or disability and to encourage equal opportunities.

3. RESPONSIBILITY

This policy is fully supported by the Club Officers who are responsible for the implementation of this policy.

4. PROCEDURE

Royal Wootton Bassett Town Football Club, in all its activities will not discriminate, or in any way treat anyone less favorably on grounds of gender, sexual orientation, marital status, race, nationality, ethnic origin, colour, religion or belief, ability or disability. It means that:

- 4.1. Royal Wootton Bassett Town Football Club will ensure that it treats people fairly and with respect and that it will provide access and opportunities for all members of the community to take part in, and enjoy, its activities.
- 4.2. Royal Wootton Bassett Town Football Club will not tolerate harassment, bullying, abuse or victimisation of an individual, which for the purposes of this policy and the actions and sanction applicable is regarded as discrimination. This includes sexual or racially based harassment or other discriminatory behaviour, whether physical or verbal.
- 4.3. Royal Wootton Bassett Town Football Club will work to ensure that such behaviour is met with appropriate action in whatever context it occurs.
- 4.4. Royal Wootton Bassett Town Football Club is committed to taking positive action where inequalities exist and to the development of a programme of ongoing training and awareness-raising events and activities in order to promote the eradication of discrimination and promote equality in football.



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- 4.5 Royal Wootton Bassett Town Football Club is committed to raising awareness of all forms of discrimination through partnerships with Kick It Out and Her Game Too. All members will be advised to report any incidents of discrimination to Club Officers and Kick It Out. They should report to Kick It Out via the link promoted on the club website.
- 4.6. Royal Wootton Bassett Town Football Club is committed to a policy of equal treatment of all members and requires all members to abide and adhere to these policies and the requirements of the relevant equalities legislation, primarily the Equality Act 2010 as well as any amendments to this Act and any new legislation.
- 4.7. Royal Wootton Bassett Town Football Club commits itself to the immediate investigation of any claims when brought to its attention, of discrimination on the above grounds and where such is found to be the case, a requirement that the practice stop and sanctions are imposed as appropriate.

Endorsed by:

Signed: (Club Secretary) *J Thomas* Date: 19.5.2023

Signed: (Club Chairman) *P Gerrish* Date: 19.5.2023

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