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### Introduction

Celtic Football Club is legendary and as with most legends as much myth as fact surrounds its history and what the Club stands for today. The Social Mission Statement aims to simply define what the Club stands for and seeks to promote within society.

### History

Celtic Football Club was founded in 1888. Its principal founder was a Marist Brother named Walfrid. The Club had two principal aims: The first aim was to raise funds to provide food for the poor of the East End of Glasgow, an area of the City that was greatly impoverished and had a high rate of infant mortality. Within the East End was a large Irish community and friction was growing between the native Glaswegians and the new influx of Irish. Brother Walfrid saw the need for social integration and his vision was a football club that Scottish and Irish, Protestants and Catholics alike could support. A new football club would be a vehicle to bring the communities together and this was the second aim. The Marist brother sought for the Club to have both a Scottish and Irish identity and hence, the Club's name "Celtic" came about, representing a bridge of cultures across the Irish Sea.

### Current Positioning of Celtic Football Club

Celtic Football Club is a Scottish Football club with proud Irish links. The primary business of Celtic is as a football club. It is run on a professional business basis with no political agenda. However, the Club has a wider role and the responsibility of being a major Scottish social institution promoting health, well-being and social integration.

### Who is Celtic Football Club for?

Celtic Football Club is for people who want to support a football club that strives for excellence in Scotland and in Europe, is proud of its history, supportive of its local community and seeks to support the following aims: "To maximise all opportunities to disassociate the Club from sectarianism and bigotry of any kind. To promote Celtic as a Club for all people, regardless of gender, age, religion, race or ability."

### Summary

Celtic is a club for everyone who believes in football as a medium for healthy pleasure, entertainment and social integration. The Club always has been and always will simply aim to be the team of the people.

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# >> GORDON STRACHAN



**W**ELCOME back to Celtic Park for what will be our last home game until April as we enter March knowing that we have a tough schedule of away ties to take up our time.

On the road we will travel to Easter Road, the Nou Camp, Pittodrie, Fir Park twice (for both Motherwell and Gretna) and then Ibrox all during the month of March in three different competitions.

It goes without saying that we will be doing our utmost in both cup competitions against Barcelona and Aberdeen, but the mantra we have been preaching since the start of the season is that the SPL is our number one priority and that certainly hasn't changed.

So, before we meet Hibernian, Motherwell, Gretna and Rangers on our travels in the league over the next month, we have to deal with the threat of Inverness Caley Thistle here at Celtic Park tonight.

And a real threat they will be as Inverness CT were the last team to deny us any points in the league when they beat us back on their own ground in December,

and they haven't done too badly since then.

Craig Brewster's side will have their eyes firmly set on a top-six place and they will be hurting after their two most recent SPL results which went against them, so we will have to be on our toes tonight.

It's all about what we do tonight, though, and we only have to look back to Inverness Caley's last visit here when we won 5-0 to know what this Celtic side is capable of, and hopefully we will witness more of the same tonight.

However, much as we would all enjoy another few goals tonight, at the end of the day you get the same three points for a 1-0 as you do for a 5-0 and that was the scenario on Sunday when we visited Love Street to take on St Mirren.

Gus McPherson's side gave us a game of it so I was delighted to finish the day with all three points from our 1-0 win as we head into this vital stage of the season.

So with your support for the men on the pitch tonight in our last home game for some time we will be going all-out for another three points in our defence of the title.



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# UNACCEPTABLE CONDUCT AT CELTIC PARK AND AWAY FOOTBALL STADIA

New rules have been introduced by the SFA and SPL in connection with "Unacceptable Conduct" at football stadia. The new rules form part of our Stadium Regulations. It is a condition of entry to stadia that the Stadium Regulations, including these new rules, are followed.

A summary of the new rules is set out below. Full details are available on the Celtic website at [www.celticfc.net](http://www.celticfc.net) or by contacting the Customer Service Manager on 0871 226 1888.

## CELTIC FOOTBALL CLUB WILL NOT TOLERATE UNACCEPTABLE CONDUCT AT CELTIC PARK OR AT AWAY FOOTBALL STADIA

- Unacceptable Conduct is conduct which is violent or disorderly
- Violent conduct includes any actual, attempted or threatened physical violence against any person, or intentional damage to property

Disorderly conduct includes:

- Conduct which stirs up or sustains, or is likely or is designed to stir up or sustain, hatred or ill will against or towards individuals or groups of people because of:
  - Gender
  - Colour, race, nationality (including citizenship) or ethnic or national origin
  - Membership or presumed membership, of a religious group or of a social or cultural group with perceived religious affiliation
  - Sexual orientation
  - Transgender identity
  - Disability
- Using threatening, abusive or insulting words or conduct

- Displaying writing or any other thing which is threatening, abusive or insulting

This list is not exhaustive and must be read in conjunction with the Stadium Regulations.

### **ANY PERSON ENGAGING IN UNACCEPTABLE CONDUCT MAY BE SUBJECT TO ANY, OR A COMBINATION OF THE FOLLOWING:**

- Removal from the Stadium
- Suspension from attending Official Matches involving Celtic Football Club
- Indefinite ban from attending Official Matches involving Celtic Football Club
- Report to the police and possible criminal proceedings

Celtic Football Club was established in 1888 as a Club open to all.

Further information on the Club's origins and Celtic's Social Mission Statement can be found on [www.celticfc.net](http://www.celticfc.net).