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SOCIAL MISSION STATEMENT

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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MANAGER'S NOTES

Ronny Deila

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SCOTTISH LEAGUE WINNERS (46 Times)

1892/93, 1893/94, 1895/96,
1897/98, 1904/05, 1905/06,
1906/07, 1907/08, 1908/09,
1909/10, 1913/14, 1914/15,
1915/16, 1916/17, 1918/19,
1921/22, 1925/26, 1935/36,
1937/38, 1953/54, 1965/66,
1966/67, 1967/68, 1968/69,
1969/70, 1970/71, 1971/72,
1972/73, 1973/74, 1976/77,
1978/79, 1980/81, 1981/82,
1985/86, 1987/88, 1997/98,
2000/01, 2001/02, 2003/04,
2005/06, 2006/07, 2007/08,
2011/12, 2012/13, 2013/14,
2014/15

SCOTTISH CUP WINNERS (36 Times)

1892, 1899, 1900, 1904,
1907, 1908, 1911, 1912,
1914, 1923, 1925, 1927,
1931, 1933, 1937, 1951,
1954, 1965, 1967, 1969,
1971, 1972, 1974, 1975,
1977, 1980, 1985, 1988,
1989, 1995, 2001, 2004,
2005, 2007, 2011, 2013

LEAGUE CUP WINNERS (15 Times)

1956/57, 1957/58, 1965/66,
1966/67, 1967/68, 1968/69,
1969/70, 1974/75, 1982/83,
1997/98, 1999/00, 2000/01,
2005/06, 2008/09, 2014/15

EUROPEAN CUP WINNERS 1967

CORONATION CUP WINNERS 1953



FLAG DAY IS ALWAYS SPECIAL - BUT ONCE THAT WHISTLE GOES IT'S ALL ABOUT THE THREE POINTS

GOOD afternoon and welcome to Celtic Park for our opening league game of the new Premiership season. We also welcome our visitors from Ross County, including their supporters who have made the journey down to Glasgow for today's match.

It's a special day for us as we also mark our achievement in winning last season's title by raising the championship flag here before kick-off. And everyone at the club is delighted that John Clark will be out on the pitch to unfurl the flag.

He is a Celtic legend, and what he and his team-mates achieved at the club is something that all of us would love to repeat. But over and above his success as a player and later as assistant manager here, John remains an important part of the club to this



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day and it's good for the players now to have a reminder of the standards expected at Celtic and the level of success we aspire to.

I'm sure it's a proud day for John and his family and I know all our supporters will give him an incredible welcome when he steps on to the pitch.

Once the whistle signals the start of the game, of course, we have to put our achievement of last season to one side and focus on what's ahead

of us. Our target, as always, is to win the league and to do so this season would be the club's fifth title in a row, which would be a tremendous success.

We know, however, that a lot of hard work lies ahead of us but we are all looking forward to the challenge.

I'm sure, too, that Ross County would love to get their league campaign off to a winning start, particularly against the champions.

Jim McIntyre's side were fantastic in the second half of last season and they will be tough opponents today.

We go into the game on to the back of another tough European game last Wednesday against FK Qarabag. We got the victory that our play merited and we'll head out to Azerbaijan next week confident of reaching the next round of the Champions League.

However, our focus today is solely on Ross County and on getting our first three points of the new season. Thanks, as always, for your support. It was great on Wednesday night and I'm sure it will be the same this afternoon.

Enjoy the game,



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WE start our bid for five-in-a-row this afternoon and we'll be looking for all three points against Ross County.

It's important that we get our campaign off to a winning start, particularly in front of our own fans, and that's what we're determined to do.

However, I'm sure Ross County will have other ideas and we're expecting a tough match. Last season they got a draw here just after Christmas, so we know how difficult they can be.

Jim McIntyre's done a brilliant job up there, and they played really well to make sure they stayed in the Premiership, so we'll have to be at our best to get the win today.

We're going into the game full of confidence and it was good to get the win on Wednesday night against Qarabag. They were a very good side, and it's going to be another difficult game this

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Wednesday, but it was important to win the first leg and to get a clean sheet as well was excellent.

And it will be great to see John Clark raising the league flag before the start of the game today. He's a true Celtic legend and he deserves this honour today. All the boys are delighted for him.

Thanks for your support. It was a tremendous atmosphere on

Wednesday night and it's one of our great strengths, and hopefully we'll be able to enjoy many more memorable European nights this season.



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STADIUM REGULATIONS



In the event of a stadium evacuation please follow the directions of the Police and stewards



ALL supporters are reminded that the Ground Regulations insist that spectators remain seated during the match.

Please remain seated throughout the match in the interests of your own safety and that of your fellow supporters.

Superintendent George Clelland of Strathclyde Police 'B' Division, said: "Strathclyde Police do not wish to in any way prevent spectators from fully enjoying football matches.

"However, the safety of those attending must be paramount at all times. We fully support Celtic FC in this matter and we fully endorse their message to supporters."

UNACCEPTABLE CONDUCT AT CELTIC PARK AND AWAY FOOTBALL STADIA

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 based on their membership or presumed membership of the following categories:

- 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

or against an individual who is or is presumed to be a member of such group. Using threatening, abusive or insulting words or conduct.

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

Using words or conduct or displaying any writing or other thing which indicates support for, or affiliation to, or celebration of, or opposition to an organisation or group proscribed in terms of the Terrorism Act 2000.

A detailed description of unacceptable conduct is set out below.

A person present at or in the immediate environs of an Official Match engages in Unacceptable Conduct where their conduct is violent and/or disorderly.

Conduct is violent where there is (i) actual, attempted or threatened physical violence against a person or persons; or (ii) intentional damage to property.

Disorderly conduct includes (i) conduct which stirs up or sustains or is likely or designed to stir up or sustain, hatred or ill will against or towards a group of persons based on their membership or presumed membership of a group defined by reference to a category mentioned below or against an individual who is or is presumed to be a member of such group; (ii) using threatening, abusive or insulting words or conduct; (iii) displaying any writing or other thing which is threatening, abusive or insulting; or (iv) using words or conduct or displaying any writing or other thing which indicates support for, or affiliation to, or celebration of, or opposition to an organisation or group proscribed in terms of the Terrorism Act 2000.

"Presumed" means presumed by the person or persons engaged in the conduct.

The categories referred to above are:-

- female or male gender;
- colour, race, nationality (including citizenship) or ethnic or national origin;
- membership of a religious group or of a social or cultural group with a perceived religious affiliation;
- sexual orientation;

- transgender identity; and
- disability

"Religious group" means a group of persons defined by reference to their religious belief or lack of religious belief, membership of or adherence to a church or religious organisation, support for the culture and traditions of a church or religious organisation and/or participation in activities associated with such a culture or such traditions.

"Transgender identity" means any one or more of transvestism, transsexualism, intersexuality or change of gender.

"Disability" means physical or mental impairment of any kind.

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 page 3