



Offensive Behaviour at Football and Threatening Communications (Scotland) Act 2012

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Offensive behaviour at regulated football matches

- 2 Regulated football match: definition and meaning of behaviour “in relation to” match**
- (1) In section 1 and this section, “regulated football match”—
- (a) has the same meaning as it has for the purposes of Chapter 1 (football banning orders) of Part 2 of the Police, Public Order and Criminal Justice (Scotland) Act 2006 ([asp 10](#)) (see section 55(2) of that Act), but
 - (b) does not include a regulated football match outside Scotland unless the match involves—
 - (i) a national team appointed to represent Scotland, or
 - (ii) a team representing a club that is a member of a football association or league based in Scotland.
- (2) For the purposes of section 1(1), a person’s behaviour is in relation to a regulated football match if—
- (a) it occurs—
 - (i) in the ground where the regulated football match is being held on the day on which it is being held,
 - (ii) while the person is entering or leaving (or trying to enter or leave) the ground where the regulated football match is being held, or
 - (iii) on a journey to or from the regulated football match, or
 - (b) it is directed towards, or is engaged in together with, another person who is—
 - (i) in the ground where the regulated football match is being held on the day on which it is being held,
 - (ii) entering or leaving (or trying to enter or leave) the ground where the regulated football match is being held, or
 - (iii) on a journey to or from the regulated football match.

- (3) The references in subsection (2)(a) and (b) to a regulated football match include a reference to any place (other than domestic premises) at which such a match is televised; and, in the case of such a place, the references in subsection (2)(a) and (b) to the ground where the regulated football match is being held are to be taken to be references to that place.
- (4) For the purpose of subsection (2)(a) and (b)—
- (a) a person may be regarded as having been on a journey to or from a regulated football match whether or not the person attended or intended to attend the match, and
 - (b) a person's journey includes breaks (including overnight breaks).