

South Dorset Spurs Official Supporters Club Rules

2020/21 season

Note: These are based on guidance supplied by THFC and are required to be met in order for UK based Supporters Club to be officially recognised by Tottenham Hotspur Football Club. The term 'Committee' refers to the elected South Dorset Spurs Committee.

General

1. The Supporters Club membership season runs from 1 June to 31 May.
2. There must be a minimum of 15 Members in each Supporters Club.
3. All Members must live within 25 miles of their Supporters Club*.

*Due to the lack of Official Supporters Clubs in the area, South Dorset Spurs are able to attract Members from further away unless to the detriment of any other Official Supporters Club.

4. Each Member needs to hold one of the following Memberships: **One Hotspur, Season Ticket or have a Client reference Number (CRN).**
5. South Dorset Spurs Supporters Club must pay an annual administration fee to Tottenham Hotspur.
6. Season Ticket Holders may join or form a Supporters Club but cannot obtain additional tickets through the priority booking.
7. South Dorset Spurs Supporters Club must give one complimentary membership to the Membership Manager of Tottenham Hotspur.
8. South Dorset Spurs Supporters Club must do everything they can to protect and enhance the good name of Tottenham Hotspur and refrain from doing anything that is damaging to the Club and/or other professional football clubs.

Committee

9. South Dorset Spurs Supporters Club must have an Annual General Meeting (AGM) that takes place between June and July to elect the Committee for the forthcoming season.
10. The Supporters Club Committee must consist of up to 5 Members*, these need to include a Chairperson, Secretary and Treasurer.

*As agreed with THFC SDS have extended this.

11. At the first Annual General Meeting, the Supporters Club must establish a set of rules and regulations to ensure good management.
12. Each time a Chairperson, Secretary or Treasurer is elected they must submit one personal reference for approval by Tottenham Hotspur. The reference must include an email address and telephone number.
13. There must be at least one Committee Meeting every two months. Tottenham Hotspur reserves the right to review Committee Meeting minutes upon request.

14. The Supporters Club Secretary (Treasurer) shall pass the names and **Client Reference Numbers** of all Members to the Tottenham Hotspur Club contact in a timely manner to ensure records are always kept accurate.

Financial Matters

15. The Supporters Club must be non-profit making. All money must be deposited in a separate account in the name of the Supporters Club.

16. No withdrawals can be made from the account without the signatures of the Chairperson and Treasurer.

- As agreed with THFC for ease of continuity Pete Stubbles (a former Chairperson) will remain an account holder instead of the present Chairperson due to previous experience of attempting to change over account holders at the bank.

17. An audited copy of the Financial Report must be sent to Tottenham Hotspur at the end of each membership year (by 30 June). Tottenham Hotspur reserves the right to audit accounts of the Supporters Clubs and view bank statements upon request.

Booking Travel and Tickets

18. The Treasurer will be responsible for booking match day tickets and the Transport Co-ordinator will be responsible for booking transport.

19. Tickets can only be **ordered** on behalf of current South Dorset Spurs Members who are also **One Hotspur** THFC Members. Travel can only be booked on behalf of current South Dorset Spurs Members.

20. Members requiring ticket and or travel with South Dorset Spurs must ensure that the correct payment in full is received by a Committee Member by the deadline date advertised in the minutes by South Dorset Spurs.

21. South Dorset Spurs are only allocated a non-specified number of tickets; therefore, it is up to the discretion of the committee who these are allocated to.

22. Those members who are allocated tickets through South Dorset Spurs are responsible for purchasing these through their own THFC membership account via the Tottenham website. This is the members own responsibility as there is only a limited time to purchase. Failure to purchase your ticket will result in that ticket being withdrawn from sale altogether by THFC.

23. Tickets and Travel will be offered on a 'first come-first served' basis. No tickets or travel can be reserved until full payment is received and **MATCH TICKET HAS BEEN SECURED**.

24. Requesting a seat on the bus is a members' full commitment to travel on that trip. If the member withdraws their request, they will still be liable to pay the standard rate for that trip, unless they can find a replacement member to take their place. The Committee reserve the right to waive the standard fare in extreme circumstances.

25. In the event of a trip being oversubscribed, the first 17 Members (including a driver) will be booked onto the first minibus. If it is uneconomical to run further buses due to the lack of numbers or driver then any Members having paid and booked up after the 17th space may have to make their own travel arrangements. Any monies received will be refunded or kept 'in credit' for a future game IF a Member is not able to be accommodated.

26. In the event of a trip being undersubscribed (i.e. insufficient support to economically run a minibus) the Committee will have the final decision on whether to apply for tickets and arrange transport. Any monies received will be refunded or kept 'in credit' for a future game IF it is decided not to organise a trip.

27. The Committee purchase match tickets in 'good faith' however THFC occasionally change the dates and kick off times after tickets have been purchased. It is the individual Members' responsibility, not the Committee's, to obtain a refund from THFC or sell their ticket to another party. No refund will be given for the ticket or transport; however, availability will be advertised to Members if requested.

28. All children (under 16) must be accompanied by an appropriate adult when travelling with South Dorset Spurs.

29. The Committee's decision on any ticket or travel disputes is final.



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