

ACCRINGTON STANLEY SUPPORTERS' TRUST YOUNG PERSON'S AWAY COACH TRAVEL POLICY STATEMENT



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Accrington Stanley Supporters' Trust are committed to safeguarding the welfare of all children and young people and expects all those involved with Accrington Stanley Football Club to endorse this commitment.

At Accrington Stanley Supporter's Trust we are keen to engage fans of all ages to support the club in all activities, including matches played at home and away.

In order to support the above commitments, Accrington Stanley Supporters' Trust have developed a policy which we hope can encourage young fans to support away matches but seeks to ensure their safety when travelling to away matches.

Many young people begin to gain growing independence in their teenage years; we want to support that independence. We have developed an away travel policy which seeks to address that whilst still trying to keep young people safe.

This policy relates only to supporter transport which is arranged and sanctioned by Accrington Stanley Supporter's Trust. The trust cannot be held responsible for any independent travel firms or informal travel arrangements accessed by supporters or the parents or guardians of young supporters.

Anyone under 16 MUST be accompanied by a guardian.

Young persons aged 16 and 17 will be able to travel unaccompanied but a Permission to Travel form must be completed and returned in advance.

Accrington Stanley Supporter's Trust will review this Travel Policy on a regular basis and may update if required.

If you have any questions you can contact the Away Travel Group, details below

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CODE OF CONDUCT FOR YOUNG PERSONS TRAVELLING ON ACCRINGTON STANLEY SUPPORTERS' TRUST COACHES



- I. **Required/Permitted behaviour** – Accrington Stanley Supporters' Trust wish all supporters to have a pleasant and comfortable journey.

Therefore you agree to:

- **Behave in a reasonable, sensible, considerate and lawful manner whilst on the coach, towards fellow passengers and at the away stadium and adhere to ground regulations**
- **Fully comply with any requests made to you by the coach driver**
- **Use mobile phones and other electronic or similar devices considerately**

- II. **Prohibited behaviour** –

You will not/must not

- **Bring alcoholic refreshments or any form of illegal substance on board the coach**
- **Have in your possession any form of pyrotechnics, flares, smoke bombs, or anything that emits smoke or visible gas**
- **Have glass bottles or other similar items in your possession**
- **Be abusive, violent, threatening or use foul or abusive language to the coach driver or any other passengers**
- **Conduct yourself in any way which may endanger your fellow passengers or the coach driver**
- **Cause discomfort, inconvenience, damage, distress or injury to any fellow passengers or coach driver**
- **Smoke on board the coach**
- **Vandalise the coach or items on board the coach.**

Consequences of poor/anti-social behaviour – If you breach this Code of Conduct, The Trust will ban you from using the official coach service for a period of time deemed necessary and proportionate by the Trust.

I confirm that I have read and understood this Code of Conduct and will abide by its terms.

Dated _____

Signed _____

Name (in caps) _____

ACCRINGTON STANLEY SUPPORTERS' TRUST

Young Persons Under 18 years

(16 & 17 years) Parental Consent for Independent Travel to Away Matches



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Details of Young Person Travelling Season ticket holder Yes/No

Full Name		
Date of Birth		Age
Address		
Post Code		
Contact Number:		
Membership No:		
Parent/Guardian		
1 st Emergency Contact Name:		Tel:
2 nd Emergency Contact Name:		Tel:

Please read the following statements carefully.

I am the parent or legal guardian of the young person named above.

I confirm that the details provided are correct and that the young person is aged 16 or 17.

I hereby give my consent for the young person named above to travel unaccompanied to Accrington Stanley away fixtures on coaches organised by Accrington Stanley Supporters' Trust for the 2022/23 season.

I accept and agree that other than as set out in the Conditions of Carriage:

Accrington Stanley Supporters' Trust assumes no responsibility for and owes no duty of care to and shall have no liability in respect of the young person's safety, welfare, well-being,

conduct or possessions or the consequences of any breach by the young person of the Code of Conduct, the Conditions of Carriage or the general law. Young persons travelling unaccompanied will not be accompanied into the away stadium. The Young Person will be responsible for their own behaviour from leaving the coach until the point of return to the coach. Should they be ejected from the stadium for any reason, the away team's ejection policy will apply.

In supporting the rights of the young fans to travel independently to away matches Accrington Stanley Supporters' Trust would like to point out to both the young person and parent(s)/guardian(s) the responsibilities associated with independent travel in respect of personal standards of behaviour, and as outlined in the Conditions of Carriage. Please ensure you as a parent outline/discuss with your son/daughter the need to be responsible and behave in an appropriate manner.

If your child misses the coach for any reason and is not considered to be at risk it may be that they need to make personal arrangements for the return journey. You should ensure that your child knows what contingency plans they can make should this unlikely incident occur, and also that they have contact numbers and appropriate funds to support a return home. Consideration will be given to the age and maturity of young supporters should these circumstances arise.

I am responsible for notifying Accrington Stanley Supporters' Trust of any changes to the emergency contact number(s) provided above* and I understand that failure to do so may result in the refusal to carry the above named child on Accrington Stanley Supporters' Trust coaches.

I understand and agree that Accrington Stanley Supporters' Trust may revoke the young person's permission to travel at any time.

I confirm that I have read and agree to the Code of Conduct and the Conditions of Carriage.

Signed Date

Name (in caps) _____

Relationship to Young Person: Mother / Father / Legal Guardian

Address (if different to above)

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* For changes to contact details please call or email

Accrington Stanley Supporters' Trust



Coach travel Terms and Conditions

Passengers are reminded of the terms and conditions whilst travelling on these coaches.

1. Coaches will be stewarded by a OASST representative who is responsible for the safety of passengers and the decision of the coach steward is final. Passengers must comply with any reasonable directives given by the OASST coach stewards. Those travelling on the coaches do so at their own risk.
2. Smoking, including electronic cigarettes, will not be permitted on the coach. Anyone smoking may be ejected from the coach or refused travel.
3. No alcoholic drink is permitted on the coach. Anyone bringing alcohol onto the coach or appearing to be under the influence of alcohol may be ejected or refused travel.
4. Supporters are expected to respect other passengers on the coach by not bringing on hot food, playing loud music, shouting or doing anything that is intended to cause a nuisance to others.
5. OASST and the coach provider recommend that no items are left on the coach. OASST and the coach provider cannot be held liable for lost or stolen property. It is your responsibility to collect all your belongings at the end of your journey.
6. The coach steward has the authority to search any bags or belongings to ensure compliance with these terms and conditions. Refusal to be searched may result in your travel being refused.
7. Choosing the location for breaks is the joint responsibility of the steward and the coach driver.
8. In the interest of safety, passengers must be seated while on route; unless using the toilet or obtaining something from their baggage. On arrival, passengers should remain seated until the coach has reached the drop off point at the away stadium.
9. Juniors, aged under 16, will NOT be allowed to travel on the Away coaches without a responsible Adult.
10. OASST expect the highest standards of behaviour from all passengers. Unacceptable behaviour may result in the supporter being asked to leave the coach and not allowed to travel in the future.
11. Coaches will depart promptly to and from an away game. We do not wait for late passengers and do not take responsibility for their welfare if they are late. All supporters are asked to arrive 20 minutes prior to departure time.
12. Passengers are expected not to use inciting behaviour towards the opposing fans which may result in the coach being the target of abuse and violence from the opposing supporters.
13. OASST reserves the right to refuse travel. Supporters guilty of behaviour that breaches this code of conduct may have a ban imposed upon them.