

# THE 12TH MAN

## TENNENT'S IRISH CUP FINAL COLERAINE v LINFIELD

NATIONAL FOOTBALL STADIUM AT WINDSOR PARK, BELFAST



**SATURDAY  
6<sup>TH</sup> MAY 2017**



**KICK-OFF  
2.30pm**

Gates open at 1pm



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# Information for Linfield fans

1. Linfield fans travelling to the Irish Cup Final at the National Football Stadium at Windsor Park for the 1430 hours kick-off on Saturday 6th May 2017 are requested to approach the stadium from the Lisburn Road/ Donegall Road directions.

Entry to the North and East Stands for Linfield fans will be via the gates on Donegall Avenue and Olympia Drive.

2. Those travelling by car are requested to approach the stadium from the Lisburn Road and Donegall Road direction and park in the residential/ commercial areas on the Lisburn Road and Village areas.

Motorists should consider local business and emergency vehicle access when deciding where and how to park and comply with any signage or coning re: parking restrictions.

Normal business will be ongoing in the nearby residential and commercial areas and fans travelling by car can expect some traffic delays going to and from the stadium.

Vehicles causing obstructions or impeding emergency access should expect police action to be taken as is considered necessary and may be removed at owners' expense.

3. Those travelling by bus / coach are also requested to approach the stadium from the Lisburn Road and Donegall Road direction and park/ lie up in the residential/ commercial areas off the Lisburn Road.

Lower Windsor Avenue and the Railway Footbridge at Great Northern Street should be used to access the stadium for those parking in the Lisburn Road area.

Buses / coaches should not drop off in coned areas especially Tates Avenue Bridge.

At the end of the match buses/coaches should then leave the area via Lisburn Road citywards or Lisburn Road countrywards/ Stockman's Lane if they wish to access the M1/ Westlink.

4. Those travelling by train should leave the train at City Hospital Halt.

Fans are requested to move to and from the stadium via Donegall Road/ Donegall Avenue to enter the stadium's North and East Stands.

5. Police are reminding fans that there are specific offences created by the Justice Act NI 2011 in relation to soccer matches:

- Possession of fireworks/flares etc
- Throwing articles capable of causing injury
- Going on to the playing area
- Sectarian chanting
- Drinking on passenger carrying vehicles

6. In addition all fans are reminded that the areas around the stadium are "No Street Drinking" zones under Belfast City Council By-Laws. Any street drinking taking place will be dealt with and any alcohol found seized. Bins will be provided by the Irish FA near the bus drop-off points to facilitate disposal of alcohol.

7. Any public indecency offences such as urinating in public will be robustly dealt with. The Irish FA will provide portable toilets in the Falcon Way/ Apollo Road area to facilitate fans arriving by bus and train with the aim of minimising the likelihood of indecency offences occurring.

8. Maximum use will be made of the effective stadium CCTV, Landrover Roof Top and Hand Held Video Evidence Gathering Equipment both inside and outside the stadium in an effort to deal with any offences which come to light.

Police will take all steps to identify and deal with anyone who has been or is committing offences.

9. At end of the match traffic restrictions will be in place on Glenmachan Street/Tates Avenue/Boucher Road in order to maximise public safety. Traffic delays can be expected in those areas.

10. It is important for supporter and community safety that these instructions are complied with and that the impact of the event on the local residential and business communities is minimised.

It is hoped that a common sense approach to the afternoon will be adopted and what is a very special sporting occasion enjoyed by all.

# Information for Coleraine fans

1. Coleraine fans travelling to the Irish Cup Final at the National Football Stadium at Windsor Park for the 1430 hours kick-off on Saturday 6th May 2017 are requested to approach the stadium from the Stockman's Lane direction on Boucher Road. Entry to the South and West Stands for Coleraine fans will be via the gate on Boucher Road opposite the Ford car showroom.
2. Those travelling by car are requested to approach the stadium from the Stockman's Lane direction and park in the commercial areas on the Boucher Road/ Boucher Crescent/ Apollo Road side of the Boucher Road gate.

Motorists should consider local business and emergency vehicle access when deciding where and how to park and comply with any signage or coning re: parking restrictions.

Normal business will be ongoing in the nearby commercial areas and fans travelling by car can expect some traffic delays going to and from the stadium.

Vehicles causing obstructions or impeding emergency access should expect police action to be taken as is considered necessary and may be removed at owners' expense.
3. Those travelling by bus/coach are also requested to approach the stadium from the Stockman's Lane direction on Boucher Road and drop off and pick up on Apollo Road adjacent to Falcon Way.

Buses can lie up in the Falcon Way/Apollo Road industrial estate area (near Marks and Spencer) and fans should make their way back to the buses there at the end of the match.

The buses /coaches should then leave the area via Boucher Road/ Stockman's Lane/ M1.
4. Those travelling by train should leave the train at Adelaide Halt.

Those fans using Adelaide Halt are requested to move to and from the stadium via Apollo Road to the stadium gate on Boucher Road.
5. Police are reminding fans that there are specific offences created by the Justice Act NI 2011 in relation to soccer matches:
  - Possession of fireworks/flares etc
  - Throwing articles capable of causing injury
  - Going on to the playing area
  - Sectarian chanting
  - Drinking on passenger carrying vehicles
6. In addition all fans are reminded that the areas around the stadium are "No Street Drinking" zones under Belfast City Council By-Laws. Any street drinking taking place will be dealt with and any alcohol found seized. Bins will be provided by the Irish FA near the bus drop-off points to facilitate disposal of alcohol.
7. Any public indecency offences such as urinating in public will be robustly dealt with. The Irish FA will provide portable toilets in the Falcon Way/ Apollo Road area to facilitate fans arriving by bus and train with the aim of minimising the likelihood of indecency offences occurring.
8. Maximum use will be made of the effective stadium CCTV, Landrover Roof Top and Hand Held Video Evidence Gathering Equipment both inside and outside the stadium in an effort to deal with any offences which come to light.

Police will take all steps to identify and deal with anyone who has been or is committing offences.
9. At the end of the match Coleraine fans are requested to leave the area of the stadium and move towards Stockman's Lane and use the Stockman's Lane roundabout to access the M1/ Westlink for the journey home.

At the end of the match traffic restrictions will be in place on Glenmachan Street/ Tates Avenue/ Boucher Road in order to maximise public safety. Traffic delays can be expected in those areas.
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**Kiosks** will be in use for this match. Food and drinks will be served from kiosks in all stands. Alcohol will be available from doors open until kick-off and at half-time in all stands. Alcohol is not permitted in the stands.

## TICKETING INFORMATION

Ensure you have your tickets printed before coming to the game.

Tickets are available to buy online up until 12 noon tomorrow and will not be available on the gate.

Please note that tickets are unallocated within each block.

Should you have any ticket queries please visit the ticket booth in the East Stand.

