

SCOTTISH PROFESSIONAL FOOTBALL BENEVOLENT TRUST

The Trust was created by a Trust Deed dated 24 March 1977. It is registered as a Scottish Charity with OSCR. The Trustees are appointed by virtue of holding certain offices within the Scottish Football Association, PFA Scotland, Managers and Coaches Scotland and the Scottish Professional Footballers' Association. These office bearers and their successors are automatically appointed Trustees. Regular Trustee meetings are held at which policy decisions are taken and applications considered. Each Trustee has one vote with the Independent Chair of the Trust (whose appointment is on an annual rotating basis) having the casting vote.

The day to day running of the Trust's projects lies with the Secretary of the Trust, who reports to the Board of Trustees at the Trustee meetings as to the progress of applications and projects.

Objectives and activities

The objective of the Trust is to promote the 'relief of poverty' suffered by:

1. Existing registered players of clubs which are full members of the Scottish FA, whether of professional or amateur status, arising through injury (permanent or otherwise) sustained in their playing football for such Full Member Clubs, training therefor or travelling connected therewith such that they are unable to continue playing football or continue with their occupation, if any, outwith football
2. Former players of Full Member Clubs arising through injury (permanent or otherwise) sustained during their time playing football for such Full Member Clubs, training therefor or travelling connected therewith such that they were unable to continue playing football or continue with their occupation, if any, outwith football
3. The dependants of either players of Full Member Clubs or former players of Full Member Clubs referred to in paragraphs (First) and (Second) above where injury has resulted in the player or former player being unable to continue to play football
4. Employed or formerly employed coaches/managers of any Full Member Club who have suffered any injury, illness or condition which has resulted in their having to give up a career in football
5. Should they consider applications on any of the foregoing grounds, the Trustees shall take into consideration the applicants' income, if any, from all sources and commitments to be made out of such income and any other circumstances or factors which they consider appropriate and equitable
6. The Trustees shall, except in exceptional circumstances as may be determined by the Trustees, consider only one application per individual applicant and successful applicants shall be entitled to receive one payment only from the Trust

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