



# THATTO HEATH CRUSADERS ARLFC ST. HELENS



## Assisted Travel Policy

### Policy Holder

Club Secretary

### Background

There are a number of occasions during the playing calendar that require the club to engage a coach company to provide travel to and from a fixture or event. The guidelines on when and under what circumstances this is appropriate are defined by the committee. The policy of the Club is at all times to approach this practice from a position of equity, this does not mean that all members will be treated in exactly the same way on all occasions, but rather that there will be a fairness to the way that travel is supported which will be dependent on the needs of a group or team.

### Purpose of the Policy

This policy is intended to provide guidelines to team coaches and team managers on when the committee feels that applications for coach travel to away fixtures and events would be supported. At all times the committee reserve the right to look at exceptional circumstances at their discretion and to not provide support when finances are prescriptive.

### Scope

All playing teams and sections of the Club are covered by this policy, as are events and activities attended by Club volunteers.

### Guidelines

In principal the Club will look to support coach travel in the following circumstances:-

1. When as part of a scheduled league or cup fixture a team is required to play at a venue that involves a round trip of 90 miles or more. *(Effectively this covers travel to Yorkshire and beyond, also to Clubs based in Blackpool and further north)*
2. When a team reaches a final in a recognised cup competition.

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3. When a group of volunteers are attending an event on behalf of the club, with the committee's sanction that involves a round trip of 90 miles or more.

### **Exceptions and caveats**

Teams that receive travel subsidy payments from their playing league to ensure their capacity to compete in National or Tier 3 competitions will receive support regardless of distance. (e.g. National Conference League and National Youth League)

Teams that play in festival format competitions or non-formal league competitions will not receive travel support. (Teams in 7-11year old playing leagues, Girls Section)

*However even though all efforts will be made to support these teams when they are invited to play at venues that involve considerable travel support cannot be guaranteed.*

*It is expected on all travel that non-player/volunteer passengers will contribute towards their travel costs.*

*On all occasions were any team or section accesses transport, regardless of whether it is with the club's financial support or not **Hattons Travel** as a significant Club sponsor will be used as the first option.*

**The 90 mile round trip will be measured using the AA's "Rout finder" software using WA9 5JA as the start and termination point.**

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