

Dear Toby

Thank you for your letter, addressed to Gary Hoffman, and to which he has asked that I respond.

I note that a number of the matters you raise are directed specifically at The FA and I will leave them to respond accordingly.

For the Premier League's part, we have no plans to issue any supplementary guidance in respect of the issues you have raised. We are comfortable that the necessary standards of expected supporter behaviour are appropriately addressed in the relevant Ground Regulations issued centrally by the League each season, supplemented by each club's specific ticket terms and conditions, implemented after consultation with fans, and encouraged on matchday by well-trained stewards working closely with the police when necessary.

As referenced in your letter, it was agreed unanimously by Premier League clubs that players and match officials would wear a No Room For Racism sleeve badge on their shirts for the 2020/21 season. This initiative, along with the recent publication of our No Room For Racism Action Plan, builds on the momentum created last season when, in response to requests from our players, 'Black Lives Matter' appeared on kits for all the games following the 2019/20 season restart.

The Premier League does not endorse any political organisation or movement, but we continue to support players and officials who choose to take a knee at matches as an expression of their view that this is an important human rights issue of urgent importance to football and wider society. The players have made it clear that they see this as a moral issue and not an endorsement of any political programme. We are unequivocal in our belief that there is no room for racism in our competition, our sport, or our wider communities. In expressing this, we join with the many organisations, institutions and individuals who have spoken up in support of this message in recent times.

Kind regards

Tommy Guthrie
Supporter Liaison Manager