



Queens Park Rangers FC

We, the undersigned, commit to honour the Armed Forces Covenant and support the Armed Forces Community. We recognise the value Serving Personnel, both Regular and Reservists, Veterans and military families contribute to our business and our country.

Signed on behalf of:

Queens Park Rangers FC

Signed:

Name:

Lee Hoos

Position:

CEO

Date:

21/2/17

Signed on behalf of:

Ministry of Defence

Signed:

Name:

Mark Lancaster

Position:

Minister MoD

Date:

21/02/17



An Enduring Covenant Between
The People of the United Kingdom
Her Majesty's Government

– and –

All those who serve or have served in the Armed Forces of the Crown

And their Families

The first duty of Government is the defence of the realm. Our Armed Forces fulfil that responsibility on behalf of the Government, sacrificing some civilian freedoms, facing danger and, sometimes, suffering serious injury or death as a result of their duty. Families also play a vital role in supporting the operational effectiveness of our Armed Forces. In return, the whole nation has a moral obligation to the members of the Naval Service, the Army and the Royal Air Force, together with their families. They deserve our respect and support, and fair treatment.

Those who serve in the Armed Forces, whether Regular or Reserve, those who have served in the past, and their families, should face no disadvantage compared to other citizens in the provision of public and commercial services. Special consideration is appropriate in some cases, especially for those who have given most such as the injured and the bereaved.

This obligation involves the whole of society: it includes voluntary and charitable bodies, private organisations, and the actions of individuals in supporting the Armed Forces. Recognising those who have performed military duty unites the country and demonstrates the value of their contribution. This has no greater expression than in upholding this Covenant.

1.1 We Queens Park Rangers FC will endeavour in our business dealings to uphold the key principles of the Armed Forces Covenant, which are:

- *no member of the Armed Forces Community should face disadvantage in the provision of public and commercial services compared to any other citizen*
- *in some circumstances special treatment may be appropriate especially for the injured or bereaved.*

2.1 QPR Holdings and QPR in the Community Trust recognises the value serving personnel, reservists, veterans and military families bring to our business, our programmes and operations. We will seek to uphold the principles of the Armed Forces Covenant by;

- *promoting the fact that we are an armed-forces friendly organisation; highlighted by our Back to Work Programme in partnership with The Royal British Legion*
- *supporting the employment of veterans young and old and working with the Career Transition Partnership (CTP), in order to establish a tailored employment pathway for Service Leavers. Providing some work placements for Wounded Injured and Sick personnel on their route to recovery as community support staff, as volunteer coaches and match-day activity volunteers.*
- *Promote our employment and other community programmes to eligible service leavers and their dependents.*
- *Endeavouring to offer a degree of flexibility in granting leave for Service spouses and partners before, during and after a partners deployment;*
- *Seeking to support our employees who choose to be members of the Reserve forces, including by accommodating their training and deployment where possible.*
- *Offering support to our local cadet units, either in our local community or in local schools where possible;*
- *Aiming to actively participate in Armed Forces Day by having an Armed Forces match day;*

- *Support Tickets for Troops initiative;*
- *Work closely with Armed Forces Charities where there is alignment of purpose.*
- *Advocate for Armed Forces in the communities that we operate in and encourage our delivery partners to work in partnership with local military units.*
- *Offering a discount to members of the Armed Forces Community*

2.2 We will publicise these commitments through our literature and/ or on our website, setting out how we will seek to honour them and inviting feedback from the Service community and our customers on how we are doing.