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Trust condemns victimisation of random Blue Order members

The Rangers Supporters Trust has today strongly condemned the decision by Rangers current security chief, Lawrence McIntyre, to randomly select 28 fans from the singing section for banning orders.

A Trust spokesman commented, "We wanted to await until after the Coop Final before contacting the Club or issuing any statement, but we find it quite appalling that the Club would sanction such a cavalier move against some of its most committed supporters. Our Trust Chairman spoke with the Club's newly appointed Chief Executive, Martin Bain, on Easter Monday regarding this unfortunate turn of events, but we are still waiting to hear whether the Club will act honourably and rescind this decision.

"It appears that whilst the authorities are prepared to accept sight-threatening projection of missiles at one football ground, the heinous offence of standing, despite paying for a seat, warrants being banned."

The Club should be eternally grateful to the Blue Order for all the good work they have done, as any other club in Europe would be, but, uniquely - and it may just be down to a question of egos and control, as nobody has been endangered by their behaviour – this move against 28 fans, which includes 3 teachers, seem to think that alienating them is a sensible move.

The Trust also condemns the timing aspect, as the team can only benefit from all the vocal support during the run-in to what looks like a very close SPL campaign.

A Trust spokesman concluded, "Songs like "The Blue Sea of Ibrox" which The Blue Order have so actively promoted, can help inspire the team on the park, and we can not understand the obsession which certain employees seem to have with stifling every initiative they seem to put forward, or stopping the atmosphere they help create gathering any form of momentum."

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