
STATUTORY INSTRUMENTS

2006 No. 313

The Safety of Sports Grounds (Northern Ireland) Order 2006

PART I

INTRODUCTORY

Title and commencement

1.—(1) This Order may be cited as the Safety of Sports Grounds (Northern Ireland) Order 2005.

(2) Subject to paragraph (3), this Order comes into operation on such day or days as the Department may by order appoint.

(3) The following provisions come into operation on the expiration of one month from the day on which this Order is made—

- (a) this Part;
- (b) Article 3;
- (c) Articles 9 to 12;
- (d) Article 19; and
- (e) Articles 22 to 27.

Subordinate Legislation Made

P1 [Art. 1\(2\)](#) power fully exercised: 31.12.2009 appointed by [S.R. 2009/287](#), [art. 2](#)

Interpretation

2.—(1) Subject to paragraph (4), the Interpretation Act (Northern Ireland) 1954 (c. 33) applies to this Order as it applies to an Act of the Assembly.

(2) In this Order—

[^{F1}“the court” means a court of summary jurisdiction;]

“the Department” means the Department of Culture, Arts and Leisure;

“council” means a district council;

[^{F2}“the Fire and Rescue Service Board” means the Northern Ireland Fire and Rescue Service Board]

“notice” means notice in writing;

“safety” does not include safety from danger inherent in participation in a sporting or competitive activity,

“sports ground” means any place where—

- (a) sports or other competitive activities take place in the open air (or would take place in the open air but for the closing of any retractable roof); and
 - (b) accommodation has been provided for spectators, consisting of artificial structures or of natural structures artificially modified for the purpose.
- (3) The Department may by order amend the definition of “sports ground” in paragraph (2).
- (4) For the purposes of this Order, section 20(2) of the Interpretation Act (Northern Ireland) 1954 (c. 33) applies with the omission of the words “the liability of whose members is limited” and where the affairs of a body corporate are managed by its members, applies in relation to the acts or defaults of a member in connection with his functions of management as if he were a director of the body corporate.

Textual Amendments

- F1** Words in [art. 2\(2\)](#) substituted (31.10.2016) by [Justice Act \(Northern Ireland\) 2015 \(c. 9\), s. 106\(2\), Sch. 1 para. 130](#) (with [Sch. 8 para. 1](#)); S.R. 2016/387, [art. 2\(k\)](#) (with [art. 3](#))
- F2** [Art. 2\(2\)](#): definition of "the Fire and Rescue Service Board" substituted for definition of "the Fire Authority" (15.11.2010) by [Fire and Rescue Services \(Northern Ireland\) Order 2006 \(S.I. 2006/1254 \(N.I. 9\)\)](#), [arts. 1\(3\), 63\(1\)](#), [Sch. 3 para. 25](#) (with [arts. 49, 62](#)); S.R. 2010/328, [art. 2](#)

Changes to legislation:

There are currently no known outstanding effects for the The Safety of Sports Grounds (Northern Ireland) Order 2006, PART I.