



# Football Spectators Act 1989

## 1989 CHAPTER 37

### PART I

#### FOOTBALL MATCHES IN ENGLAND AND WALES

##### *National Membership Scheme*

## **2 Offences relating to unauthorised attendance at designated football matches**

- (1) If a person who is not, in relation to the match, an authorised spectator enters or remains on premises as a spectator during a period relevant to a designated football match that person commits an offence and so does a person who attempts to commit an offence under this subsection of entering premises.
- (2) Where a person is charged under subsection (1) above with an offence of entering or remaining on premises, and was at the time of the alleged offence not disqualified from being a member of the national football membership scheme, it shall be a defence to prove that he was allowed to enter the premises as a spectator by a person reasonably appearing to him to have lawful authority to do so.
- (3) A person guilty of an offence under subsection (1) above shall be liable on summary conviction to imprisonment for a term not exceeding one month or a fine not exceeding level 3 on the standard scale or to both.
- (4) A constable who reasonably suspects that a person has committed an offence under subsection (1) above may arrest him without a warrant.