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**SPORTS GROUNDS AND SPORTING EVENTS,
ENGLAND AND WALES**

The Football Spectators (Seating) Order 2013

<i>Made</i> - - - -	<i>24th June 2013</i>
<i>Laid before Parliament</i>	<i>27th June 2013</i>
<i>Coming into force</i> - -	<i>22nd July 2013</i>

The Secretary of State, in exercise of the powers conferred by section 11 of the Football Spectators Act 1989(a), makes the following Order.

She has consulted the Sports Grounds Safety Authority(b) in accordance with section 11(4) of that Act.

Citation and commencement

1. This Order may be cited as the Football Spectators (Seating) Order 2013 and comes into force on 22nd July 2013.

Direction

2.—(1) The Secretary of State directs the Sports Grounds Safety Authority as set out in paragraph (2).

(2) Any licence to admit spectators(c) to the premises specified in column (1) of Schedule 1 and further identified in column (2) of that Schedule by the name of the football club of which it is the home ground, must include a condition imposing the requirements for the seating of spectators at designated football matches(d) specified in Schedule 2.

24th June 2013

Hugh Robertson
Minister of State
Department for Culture, Media and Sport

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- (a) 1989 c. 37; section 1(6A) defines “the licensing authority” as meaning the Sports Grounds Safety Authority. Section 1(6A) was inserted by paragraph 7(1) of Schedule 2 to the Sports Grounds Safety Authority Act 2011 (c. 6).
- (b) The Sports Grounds Safety Authority was previously called the Football Licensing Authority, and is established by section 8, and schedule 2 to, the Football Spectators Act 1989. It was renamed the Sports Grounds Safety Authority under section 1(1) of the Sports Grounds Safety Authority Act 2011.
- (c) “Licence to admit spectators” is defined in section 1(7) of the Football Spectators Act 1989.
- (d) See section 1(2) of the Football Spectators Act 1989 and the Football Spectators (Designation of Football Matches in England and Wales) Order 2000 (S.I. 2000/3331).

SCHEDULE 1

Article 2(2)

Premises in respect of which a condition imposing requirements about the seating of spectators at designated football matches must be imposed

Table 1

<i>(1) Address of the premises</i>	<i>(2) Football club of which the premises are the home ground</i>
Goldsands Stadium Dean Court Kings Park Bournemouth BH7 7AF	AFC Bournemouth Limited

SCHEDULE 2

Article 2(2)

Requirements to be imposed

1. Only seated accommodation is to be provided for spectators at a designated football match.
2. Spectators shall only be admitted to watch a designated football match from seated accommodation.

EXPLANATORY NOTE

(This note is not part of the Order)

This Order directs the Sports Grounds Safety Authority to include an “all-seater” condition in any licence granted to admit spectators to Goldsands Stadium, which is the home ground of AFC Bournemouth Limited. This condition requires that only seated accommodation shall be provided for spectators at designated football matches, and spectators shall only be admitted to watch a designated football match from seated accommodation. Those requirements are specified in Schedule 2. “Designated football matches” includes any association football match played at Goldsands Stadium as the registered home ground of AFC Bournemouth Limited.

A full impact assessment has not been produced for this Order.

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