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STATUTORY INSTRUMENTS

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**2022 No. 728**

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

**The Football Spectators (Seating) Order 2022**

<i>Made</i>	- - - -	<i>29th June 2022</i>
<i>Laid before Parliament</i>		<i>4th July 2022</i>
<i>Coming into force</i>	- -	<i>25th July 2022</i>

The Secretary of State makes the following Order in exercise of the powers conferred by section 11 of the Football Spectators Act 1989<sup>(1)</sup>, having consulted the Sports Grounds Safety Authority in accordance with section 11(4) of that Act.

**Citation, commencement, extent and interpretation**

1.—(1) This Order may be cited as the Football Spectators (Seating) Order 2022 and comes into force on 25th July 2022.

(2) This Order extends to England and Wales.

(3) In Schedule 1 to this Order—

- (a) a “seat incorporating a barrier” is a seat that incorporates a barrier into its construction which limits the forward movement of spectators while allowing their lateral movement;
- (b) a “seat with an independent barrier” is a seat located directly behind a barrier which does not form part of the seat and which limits the forward movement of spectators while allowing their lateral movement.

**Direction**

2. The Secretary of State directs the Sports Grounds Safety Authority<sup>(2)</sup> to include a condition imposing the requirements as respects the seating of spectators at designated football matches<sup>(3)</sup> specified in Schedule 1 in any licence to admit spectators<sup>(4)</sup> to premises specified in Schedule 2.

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(1) 1989 c. 37.

(2) Section 1(6A) of the Football Spectators Act 1989 defines “the licensing authority” as the Sports Grounds Safety Authority, and was inserted by paragraph 7(1) of Schedule 2 to the Sports Grounds Safety Authority Act 2011 (c. 6).

(3) For the meaning of “designated football match” see section 1(2) of the Football Spectators Act 1989 and article 2 of S.I. 2000/3331.

(4) “Licence to admit spectators” is defined in section 1(7) of the Football Spectators Act 1989.

## Revocations

3. The Orders listed in Schedule 3 to this Order are revoked.

## Review

- 4.—(1) The Secretary of State must, from time to time—
  - (a) carry out a review of the regulatory provision contained in this Order; and
  - (b) publish a report setting out the conclusions of the review.
- (2) The first report must be published before 7th December 2026.
- (3) Subsequent reports must be published at intervals not exceeding five years.
- (4) Section 30(4) of the Small Business, Enterprise and Employment Act 2015<sup>(5)</sup> requires that a report published under this article must, in particular—
  - (a) set out the objectives intended to be achieved by the regulatory provision referred to in paragraph (1)(a);
  - (b) assess the extent to which those objectives are achieved;
  - (c) assess whether those objectives remain appropriate; and
  - (d) if those objectives remain appropriate, assess the extent to which they could be achieved in another way which involves less onerous regulatory provision.
- (5) In this article, “regulatory provision” has the same meaning as in sections 28 to 32 of the Small Business, Enterprise and Employment Act 2015 (see section 32 of that Act).

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Department for Digital, Culture, Media and  
Sport

29th June 2022

SCHEDULE 1

Article 2

Requirements to be imposed

1. Only seated accommodation is to be provided for spectators at a designated football match, except in areas of the premises where there are seats incorporating a barrier or seats with an independent barrier.

2. Spectators are only to be admitted to watch a designated football match from seated accommodation, except where they are admitted to watch the designated football match from areas of the premises where there are seats incorporating a barrier or seats with an independent barrier.

SCHEDULE 2

Article 2

Premises in respect of which a condition imposing the requirements specified in Schedule 1 to this Order must be imposed

<i>Address of the premises</i>	<i>Football club of which the premises are the home ground</i>
Vitality Stadium	A. F. C. Bournemouth
Dean Court	
Bournemouth	
BH7 7AF	
Emirates Stadium	Arsenal Football Club
75 Drayton Park	
London	
N5 1BU	
Villa Park	Aston Villa Football Club
Trinity Road	
Birmingham	
B6 6HE	
Oakwell Stadium	Barnsley Football Club
Grove Street	
Barnsley	
S71 1ET	
St Andrew's Stadium	Birmingham City Football Club

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<i>Address of the premises</i>	<i>Football club of which the premises are the home ground</i>
Cattell Road	
Birmingham	
B9 4RL	
Ewood Park	Blackburn Rovers Football Club
Blackburn	
BB2 4JF	
Bloomfield Road	Blackpool Football Club
Seasiders Way	
Blackpool	
FY1 6JJ	
University of Bolton Stadium	Bolton Wanderers Football Club
Burnden Way	
Bolton	
BL6 6JW	
The Utilita Energy Stadium	Bradford City Football Club
Valley Parade	
Bradford	
BD8 7DY	
Brentford Community Stadium	Brentford Football Club
27 Great West Road	
Brentford	
TW8 9BW	
The American Express Community Stadium	Brighton and Hove Albion Football Club
Village Way	
Brighton	
BN1 9BL	
Ashton Gate Stadium	Bristol City Football Club

<i>Address of the premises</i>	<i>Football club of which the premises are the home ground</i>
Bristol	
BS3 2EJ	
Turf Moor	Burnley Football Club
Harry Potts Way	
Burnley	
BB10 4BX	
Cardiff City Stadium	Cardiff City Football Club
Leckwith Road	
Cardiff	
CF11 8AZ	
The Valley	Charlton Athletic Football Club
Floyd Road	
London	
SE7 8BL	
Stamford Bridge	Chelsea Football Club
Fulham Road	
London	
SW6 1HS	
Coventry Building Society Arena	Coventry City Football Club
Judds Lane	
Coventry	
CV6 6GE	
Mornflake Stadium	Crewe Alexandra Football Club
Gresty Road	
Crewe	
CW2 6EB	
Selhurst Park Stadium	Crystal Palace Football Club

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Whitehorse Lane	
London	
SE25 6PU	
Pride Park Stadium	Derby County Football Club
Pride Park	
Derby	
DE24 8XL	
Eco-Power Stadium	Doncaster Rovers Football Club
Stadium Way	
Doncaster	
DN4 5JW	
Goodison Park	Everton Football Club
Goodison Road	
Liverpool	
L4 4EL	
Craven Cottage	Fulham Football Club
Stevenage Road	
London	
SW6 6HH	
MEMS Priestfield Stadium	Gillingham Football Club
Redfern Avenue	
Gillingham	
ME7 2PE	
Blundell Park	Grimsby Town Football Club
Cleethorpes	
Lincolnshire	
DN35 7PY	

<i>Address of the premises</i>	<i>Football club of which the premises are the home ground</i>
The John Smith's Stadium Stadium Way Huddersfield HD1 6PX	Huddersfield Town Association Football Club
MKM Stadium Walton Street Hull HU3 6HU	Hull City Association Football Club
Portman Road Stadium Portman Road Ipswich IP1 2DA	Ipswich Town Football Club
Elland Road Stadium Elland Road Leeds LS11 0ES	Leeds United Football Club
King Power Stadium Filbert Way Leicester LE2 7FL	Leicester City Football Club
Anfield Anfield Road Liverpool L4 0TH	Liverpool Football Club
Kenilworth Road Stadium 1 Maple Road Luton	Luton Town Football Club

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<i>Address of the premises</i>	<i>Football club of which the premises are the home ground</i>
LU4 8AW Etihad Stadium Manchester	Manchester City Football Club
M11 3FF Old Trafford Sir Matt Busby Way Manchester	Manchester United Football Club
M16 0RA Riverside Stadium Middlesbrough	Middlesbrough Football Club
TS3 6RS The Den Zampa Road London	Millwall Football Club
SE16 3LN Stadium MK Stadium Way West Milton Keynes	Milton Keynes Dons Football Club
MK1 1ST St James' Park Strawberry Place Newcastle-upon-Tyne	Newcastle United Football Club
NE1 4ST Carrow Road Stadium Carrow Road Norwich	Norwich City Football Club
NR1 1JE The City Ground	Nottingham Forest Football Club

<i>Address of the premises</i>	<i>Football club of which the premises are the home ground</i>
West Bridgford	
Nottingham	
NG2 5FJ	
Meadow Lane Stadium	Notts County Football Club
Meadow Lane	
Nottingham	
NG2 3HJ	
Boundary Park	Oldham Athletic Association Football Club
Oldham	
Furtherwood Road	
OL1 2PA	
Home Park	Plymouth Argyle Football Club
Plymouth	
PL2 3DQ	
Vale Park	Port Vale Football Club
Hamil Road	
Stoke-on-Trent	
ST6 1AW	
Fratton Park	Portsmouth Football Club
Frogmore Road	
Portsmouth	
PO4 8RA	
Deepdale	Preston North End Football Club
Sir Tom Finney Way	
Preston	
PR1 6RU	
Loftus Road Stadium	Queens Park Rangers Football Club

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South Africa Road	
London	
W12 7PJ	
The Select Car Leasing Stadium	Reading Football Club
Reading	
RG2 0FL	
The Aesseal New York Stadium	Rotherham United Football Club
New York Way	
Rotherham	
S60 1AH	
Bramall Lane Stadium	Sheffield United Football Club
Sheffield	
S2 4SU	
Hillsborough Stadium	Sheffield Wednesday Football Club
Sheffield	
S6 1SW	
St Mary's Stadium	Southampton Football Club
Britannia Road	
Southampton	
SO14 5FP	
Roots Hall Stadium	Southend United Football Club
Victoria Avenue	
Westcliffe-on-Sea	
Southend-on-Sea	
SS2 6NQ	
Edgeley Park	Stockport County Football Club
Hardcastle Road	

<i>Address of the premises</i>	<i>Football club of which the premises are the home ground</i>
Edgeley	
Stockport	
SK3 9DD	
bet365 Stadium	Stoke City Football Club
Stanley Matthews Way	
Stoke-on-Trent	
ST4 4EG	
Stadium of Light	Sunderland Association Football Club
Sunderland	
SR5 1SU	
Swansea.com Stadium	Swansea City Association Football Club
Landore	
Swansea	
SA1 2FA	
The Energy Check County Ground	Swindon Town Football Club
County Road	
Swindon	
SN1 2ED	
Tottenham Hotspur Stadium	Tottenham Hotspur Football Club
782 High Road	
Tottenham	
London	
N17 0BX	
Prenton Park	Tranmere Rovers Football Club
Prenton Road West	
Birkenhead	
CH42 9PY	

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<i>Address of the premises</i>	<i>Football club of which the premises are the home ground</i>
Banks's Stadium	Walsall Football Club
Bescot Crescent	
Walsall	
WS1 4SA	
Vicarage Road Stadium	Watford Football Club
Vicarage Road	
Watford	
WD18 0ER	
The Hawthorns	West Bromwich Albion Football Club
West Bromwich	
West Midlands	
B71 4LF	
London Stadium	West Ham United Football Club
Queen Elizabeth Olympic Park	
London	
E20 2ST	
DW Stadium	Wigan Athletic Football Club
Loire Drive	
Wigan	
WN5 0UZ	
Molineux Stadium	Wolverhampton Wanderers Football Club
Waterloo Road	
Wolverhampton	
WV1 4QR	
Principality Stadium	—
Westgate Street	
Cardiff	

<i>Address of the premises</i>	<i>Football club of which the premises are the home ground</i>
CF10 INS	
Wembley Stadium	–
Wembley	
London	
HA9 0WS	

### SCHEDULE 3

Article 3

#### Revocations

1. The Football Spectators (Seating) Order 1994(6).
2. The Football Spectators (Seating) Order 1995(7).
3. The Football Spectators (Seating) Order 1996(8).
4. The Football Spectators (Seating) Order 1997(9).
5. The Football Spectators (Seating) Order 1998(10).
6. The Football Spectators (Seating) Order 1999(11).
7. The Football Spectators (Seating) Order 2000(12).
8. The Football Spectators (Seating) Order 2001(13).
9. The Football Spectators (Seating) Order 2002(14).
10. The Football Spectators (Seating) Order 2003(15).
11. The Football Spectators (Seating) (No.2) Order 2003(16).
12. Football Spectators (Seating) Order 2004(17).
13. The Football Spectators (Seating) Order 2005(18).
14. The Football Spectators (Seating) Order 2006(19).
15. The Football Spectators (Seating) Order 2007(20).

(6) [S.I. 1994/1666](#), amended by [S.I. 2021/1239](#).

(7) [S.I. 1995/1706](#).

(8) [S.I. 1996/1706](#).

(9) [S.I. 1997/1677](#).

(10) [S.I. 1998/1599](#).

(11) [S.I. 1999/1926](#).

(12) [S.I. 2000/1739](#).

(13) [S.I. 2001/2373](#).

(14) [S.I. 2002/1755](#).

(15) [S.I. 2003/1280](#).

(16) [S.I. 2003/1541](#), amended by [S.I. 2021/1239](#).

(17) [S.I. 2004/1737](#).

(18) [S.I. 2005/1751](#).

(19) [S.I. 2006/1661](#).

(20) [S.I. 2007/2038](#).

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16. The Football Spectators (Seating) Order 2008(21).
17. The Football Spectators (Seating) Order 2010(22).
18. The Football Spectators (Seating) Order 2011(23).
19. The Football Spectators (Seating) Order 2012(24).
20. The Football Spectators (Seating) Order 2013(25).
21. The Football Spectators (Seating) Order 2016(26).
22. The Football Spectators (Seating) Order 2020(27).
23. The Football Spectators (Seating) Order 2021(28).

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## EXPLANATORY NOTE

*(This note is not part of the Order)*

This Order directs the Sports Grounds Safety Authority to include in any licence to admit spectators (as defined in section 1(7) of the Football Spectators Act 1989 (c. 37)) to the premises listed in Schedule 2, a condition imposing the requirements specified in Schedule 1 as respects the seating of spectators at designated football matches at those premises. “Designated football matches” are those association football matches designated by the Secretary of State, under powers conferred by section 1(2) of that Act.

This Order replaces conditions as respects the seating of spectators at designated football matches previously imposed in relation to those premises and revokes the Orders listed in Schedule 3.

A full impact assessment has not been produced for this instrument as no, or no significant, impact on the private, voluntary or public sector is foreseen.

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(21) S.I. 2008/1749.  
(22) S.I. 2010/1584.  
(23) S.I. 2011/1436.  
(24) S.I. 2012/1470.  
(25) S.I. 2013/1568.  
(26) S.I. 2016/629.  
(27) S.I. 2020/982.  
(28) S.I. 2021/1239.