

**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(a), 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(b) to include a condition imposing the requirements as respects the seating of spectators at designated football matches(c) specified in Schedule 1 in any licence to admit spectators(d) to premises specified in Schedule 2.

**Revocations**

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

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(a) 1989 c. 37.  
(b) 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).  
(c) 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.  
(d) “Licence to admit spectators” is defined in section 1(7) of the Football Spectators Act 1989.

## 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>(a)</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).

29th June 2022

*Nigel Huddleston*  
Parliamentary Under Secretary of State  
Department for Digital, Culture, Media and Sport

## 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 Dean Court Bournemouth BH7 7AF	A. F. C. Bournemouth

<sup>(a)</sup> 2015 c. 26.

Emirates Stadium 75 Drayton Park London N5 1BU Villa Park Trinity Road Birmingham B6 6HE Oakwell Stadium Grove Street Barnsley S71 1ET St Andrew's Stadium Cattell Road Birmingham B9 4RL Ewood Park Blackburn BB2 4JF Bloomfield Road Seasiders Way Blackpool FY1 6JJ University of Bolton Stadium Burnden Way Bolton BL6 6JW The Utilita Energy Stadium Valley Parade Bradford BD8 7DY Brentford Community Stadium 27 Great West Road Brentford TW8 9BW The American Express Community Stadium Village Way Brighton BN1 9BL Ashton Gate Stadium Bristol BS3 2EJ Turf Moor Harry Potts Way Burnley BB10 4BX Cardiff City Stadium Leckwith Road Cardiff CF11 8AZ The Valley Floyd Road London	Arsenal Football Club  Aston Villa Football Club  Barnsley Football Club  Birmingham City Football Club  Blackburn Rovers Football Club  Blackpool Football Club  Bolton Wanderers Football Club  Bradford City Football Club  Brentford Football Club  Brighton and Hove Albion Football Club  Bristol City Football Club  Burnley Football Club  Cardiff City Football Club  Charlton Athletic Football Club
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SE7 8BL Stamford Bridge Fulham Road London SW6 1HS	Chelsea Football Club
Coventry Building Society Arena Judds Lane Coventry CV6 6GE	Coventry City Football Club
Mornflake Stadium Gresty Road Crewe CW2 6EB	Crewe Alexandra Football Club
Selhurst Park Stadium Whitehorse Lane London SE25 6PU	Crystal Palace Football Club
Pride Park Stadium Pride Park Derby DE24 8XL	Derby County Football Club
Eco-Power Stadium Stadium Way Doncaster DN4 5JW	Doncaster Rovers Football Club
Goodison Park Goodison Road Liverpool L4 4EL	Everton Football Club
Craven Cottage Stevenage Road London SW6 6HH	Fulham Football Club
MEMS Priestfield Stadium Redfern Avenue Gillingham ME7 2PE	Gillingham Football Club
Blundell Park Cleethorpes Lincolnshire DN35 7PY	Grimsby Town Football Club
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 LU4 8AW	Luton Town Football Club
Etihad Stadium Manchester M11 3FF	Manchester City Football Club
Old Trafford Sir Matt Busby Way Manchester M16 0RA	Manchester United Football Club
Riverside Stadium Middlesbrough TS3 6RS	Middlesbrough Football Club
The Den Zampa Road London SE16 3LN	Millwall Football Club
Stadium MK Stadium Way West Milton Keynes MK1 1ST	Milton Keynes Dons Football Club
St James' Park Strawberry Place Newcastle-upon-Tyne NE1 4ST	Newcastle United Football Club
Carrow Road Stadium Carrow Road Norwich NR1 1JE	Norwich City Football Club
The City Ground West Bridgford Nottingham NG2 5FJ	Nottingham Forest Football Club
Meadow Lane Stadium Meadow Lane Nottingham NG2 3HJ	Notts County Football Club
Boundary Park Oldham Furtherwood Road	Oldham Athletic Association Football Club

OL1 2PA Home Park Plymouth	Plymouth Argyle Football Club
PL2 3DQ Vale Park Hamil Road Stoke-on-Trent	Port Vale Football Club
ST6 1AW Fratton Park Frogmore Road Portsmouth	Portsmouth Football Club
PO4 8RA Deepdale Sir Tom Finney Way Preston	Preston North End Football Club
PR1 6RU Loftus Road Stadium South Africa Road London	Queens Park Rangers Football Club
W12 7PJ The Select Car Leasing Stadium Reading	Reading Football Club
RG2 0FL The Aesael New York Stadium New York Way Rotherham	Rotherham United Football Club
S60 1AH Bramall Lane Stadium Sheffield	Sheffield United Football Club
S2 4SU Hillsborough Stadium Sheffield	Sheffield Wednesday Football Club
S6 1SW St Mary's Stadium Britannia Road Southampton	Southampton Football Club
SO14 5FP Roots Hall Stadium Victoria Avenue Westcliffe-on-Sea Southend-on-Sea	Southend United Football Club
SS2 6NQ Edgeley Park Hardcastle Road Edgeley Stockport	Stockport County Football Club
SK3 9DD bet365 Stadium Stanley Matthews Way Stoke-on-Trent	Stoke City Football Club
ST4 4EG Stadium of Light Sunderland	Sunderland Association Football Club

SR5 1SU Swansea.com Stadium Landore Swansea SA1 2FA	Swansea City Association Football Club
The Energy Check County Ground County Road Swindon SN1 2ED	Swindon Town Football Club
Tottenham Hotspur Stadium 782 High Road Tottenham London N17 0BX	Tottenham Hotspur Football Club
Prenton Park Prenton Road West Birkenhead CH42 9PY	Tranmere Rovers Football Club
Banks's Stadium Bescot Crescent Walsall WS1 4SA	Walsall Football Club
Vicarage Road Stadium Vicarage Road Watford WD18 0ER	Watford Football Club
The Hawthorns West Bromwich West Midlands B71 4LF	West Bromwich Albion Football Club
London Stadium Queen Elizabeth Olympic Park London E20 2ST	West Ham United Football Club
DW Stadium Loire Drive Wigan WN5 0UZ	Wigan Athletic Football Club
Molineux Stadium Waterloo Road Wolverhampton WV1 4QR	Wolverhampton Wanderers Football Club
Principality Stadium Westgate Street Cardiff CF10 1NS	–
Wembley Stadium Wembley London HA9 0WS	–

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## SCHEDULE 3

Article 3

### Revocations

1. The Football Spectators (Seating) Order 1994**(a)**.
2. The Football Spectators (Seating) Order 1995**(b)**.
3. The Football Spectators (Seating) Order 1996**(c)**.
4. The Football Spectators (Seating) Order 1997**(d)**.
5. The Football Spectators (Seating) Order 1998**(e)**.
6. The Football Spectators (Seating) Order 1999**(f)**.
7. The Football Spectators (Seating) Order 2000**(g)**.
8. The Football Spectators (Seating) Order 2001**(h)**.
9. The Football Spectators (Seating) Order 2002**(i)**.
10. The Football Spectators (Seating) Order 2003**(j)**.
11. The Football Spectators (Seating) (No.2) Order 2003**(k)**.
12. Football Spectators (Seating) Order 2004**(l)**.
13. The Football Spectators (Seating) Order 2005**(m)**.
14. The Football Spectators (Seating) Order 2006**(n)**.
15. The Football Spectators (Seating) Order 2007**(o)**.
16. The Football Spectators (Seating) Order 2008**(p)**.
17. The Football Spectators (Seating) Order 2010**(q)**.
18. The Football Spectators (Seating) Order 2011**(r)**.
19. The Football Spectators (Seating) Order 2012**(s)**.
20. The Football Spectators (Seating) Order 2013**(t)**.
21. The Football Spectators (Seating) Order 2016**(u)**.

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**(a)** S.I. 1994/1666, amended by S.I. 2021/1239.

**(b)** S.I. 1995/1706.

**(c)** S.I. 1996/1706.

**(d)** S.I. 1997/1677.

**(e)** S.I. 1998/1599.

**(f)** S.I. 1999/1926.

**(g)** S.I. 2000/1739.

**(h)** S.I. 2001/2373.

**(i)** S.I. 2002/1755.

**(j)** S.I. 2003/1280.

**(k)** S.I. 2003/1541, amended by S.I. 2021/1239.

**(l)** S.I. 2004/1737.

**(m)** S.I. 2005/1751.

**(n)** S.I. 2006/1661.

**(o)** S.I. 2007/2038.

**(p)** S.I. 2008/1749.

**(q)** S.I. 2010/1584.

**(r)** S.I. 2011/1436.

**(s)** S.I. 2012/1470.

**(t)** S.I. 2013/1568.

**(u)** S.I. 2016/629.



**22.** The Football Spectators (Seating) Order 2020**(a)**.

**23.** The Football Spectators (Seating) Order 2021**(b)**.

### **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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**(a)** S.I. 2020/982.  
**(b)** S.I. 2021/1239.

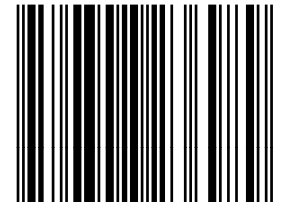




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