



# Football Spectators Act 1989

## CHAPTER 37

### FOOTBALL SPECTATORS ACT 1989

#### PART I

##### FOOTBALL MATCHES IN ENGLAND AND WALES

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#### PART II

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## **SCHEDULES**

### **SCHEDULE 1 — Offences**

- 1 This Schedule applies to the following offences:  
 2 Any reference to an offence in paragraph 1 above includes—...  
 3 For the purposes of paragraphs 1(g) to (o) above—  
 4 (1) In this Schedule, “football match ” means a...

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## SCHEDULE 2 — The Football Licensing Authority: Supplementary Provisions

### *Status and capacity*

- 1 (1) The licensing authority shall be a body corporate.

### *Appointment and tenure of members*

- 2 It shall be the duty of the Secretary of State—...  
3 Any person who is, or whom the Secretary of State...  
4 Subject to the following provisions of this Schedule, a person...  
5 A person shall not be appointed as a member of...  
6 A person may at any time resign his office as...  
7 Where a member becomes or ceases to be the chairman,...  
8 If the Secretary of State is satisfied that a member...  
9 A person who ceases to be a member, or ceases...

### *Remuneration and pensions of members*

- 10 The licensing authority may pay to each member such remuneration...  
11 The licensing authority may pay, or make provision for paying,...  
12 Where a person ceases to be a member otherwise than...  
13 The approval of the Treasury shall be required for any...

### *Disqualification of members of licensing authority for House of Commons and Northern Ireland Assembly*

- 14 In Part II of Schedule 1 to the House of...

### *Proceedings*

- 15 The quorum of the licensing authority and the arrangements relating...  
16 (1) A member of the licensing authority who is in...  
17 The validity of any proceedings of the licensing authority shall...

### *Inspectors, officers and employees*

- 18 The licensing authority may appoint such inspectors as it may...  
19 The licensing authority may appoint a secretary and such other...  
20 The terms and conditions of appointments under paragraphs 18 and...  
21 The licensing authority shall, as regards such of its inspectors,...  
22 If an inspector, officer or employee of the licensing authority—...

### *Accounts and audit*

- 23 The licensing authority shall keep proper accounts and proper records...  
24 The accounts of the licensing authority in respect of accounting...  
25 A person shall not be qualified for appointment for the...  
26 A copy of any accounts of the licensing authority which...  
26A The licensing authority shall send a copy of the statement...  
26B The Comptroller and Auditor General shall examine, certify and  
report...  
27 The Comptroller and Auditor General may inspect any records  
relating...  
28 In paragraphs 23 and 24 above, “accounting year” means the...

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*Authentication of licensing authority's seal*

29 The application of the seal of the licensing authority shall...

*Presumption of authenticity of documents issued by licensing authority*

30 Any document purporting to be an instrument issued by the...

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**Changes and effects yet to be applied to :**

- s. 2(3) words substituted by [2003 c. 44 Sch. 26 para. 41](#)
- s. 7(10)(b) words repealed by [2003 c. 44 Sch. 37 Pt. 7](#)
- Sch. 1 para. 1(c) word inserted by [2023 c. 47 s. 3\(1\)](#)
- Sch. 1 para. 1(k) word inserted by [2023 c. 47 s. 3\(1\)](#)
- Sch. 1 para. 1(q) word inserted by [2023 c. 47 s. 3\(1\)](#)