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STATUTORY INSTRUMENTS

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**1998 No. 1599**

**SPORTS GROUNDS AND SPORTING EVENTS**

**The Football Spectators (Seating) Order 1998**

<i>Made</i>	- - - -	<i>30th June 1998</i>
<i>Laid before Parliament</i>		<i>2nd July 1998</i>
<i>Coming into force</i>	- -	<i>24th July 1998</i>

The Secretary of State in exercise of the powers conferred on him by section 11(1) to (3) of the Football Spectators Act 1989(1), after consulting the Football Licensing Authority, hereby makes the following Order:—

**Citation and commencement**

1. This Order may be cited as the Football Spectators (Seating) Order 1998 and shall come into force on 24th July 1998.

**Commencement Information**

**II** Art. 1 in force at 24.7.1998, see [art. 1](#)

**Direction**

2.—(1) The Secretary of State hereby directs the Football Licensing Authority as set out in paragraph (2) below.

(2) When granting any licence to admit spectators(2) to any of the premises specified in column (1) of Schedule 1 hereto and further identified in column (2) of that Schedule by the name of the football club of which they are the home ground, it shall include a condition imposing the requirements, as respects the seating of spectators at designated football matches(3) at the said premises, specified in Schedule 2 hereto.

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(1) [1989 c. 37](#).

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

(3) “Designated football match” is defined in section 1(2) of the Football Spectators Act 1989 and S.I. [1993/1691](#).

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**Commencement Information**

**I2** Art. 2 in force at 24.7.1998, see [art. 1](#)

30th June 1998

*Chris Smith*  
Secretary of State for Culture, Media and Sport

## SCHEDULE 1

Article 2(2)

Premises in respect of which a condition imposing requirements as respects the seating of spectators at designated football matches shall be imposed

### Commencement Information

**I3** Sch. 1 in force at 24.7.1998, see [art. 1](#)

(1) <i>The Stadium at</i>	(2) <i>The Home Ground of</i>
St Andrews Birmingham B9 4NH (Known as “St Andrews Stadium”)	Birmingham City
Leeds Road Huddersfield HD1 6PX (Known as “The Alfred McAlpine Stadium”)	Huddersfield Town
Vale Park Burslem Stoke-on-Trent ST6 1AW (Known as “Vale Park Stadium”)	Port Vale

## SCHEDULE 2

Article 2(2)

Requirements to be imposed

1. Only seated accommodation shall be provided for spectators at a designated football match.

### Commencement Information

**I4** Sch. 2 para. 1 in force at 24.7.1998, see [art. 1](#)

2. Spectators shall only be admitted to watch a designated football match from seated accommodation.

### Commencement Information

**I5** Sch. 2 para. 2 in force at 24.7.1998, see [art. 1](#)

## EXPLANATORY NOTE

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

This Order directs the Football Licensing Authority to include in any licence to admit spectators to the football grounds listed in Schedule 1 a condition imposing requirements specified in Schedule 2 as respects the seating of spectators at designated football matches at those premises. “Designated

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football matches” are those association football matches designated by the Secretary of State, under the powers conferred by section 1(2) of the Football Spectators Act 1989, in the Football Spectators (Designation of Football Matches in England and Wales) Order 1993 (S.I. [1993/1691](#)) and they include all association football matches played at the premises listed in Schedule 1 to this Order.

The Football Licensing Authority is already required to include a condition imposing seating requirements in licences granted in respect of the premises listed in Schedule 1 to the Football Spectators (Seating) Order 1994 (S.I. [1994/1666](#)), the Football Spectators (Seating) Order 1995 (S.I. [1995/1706](#)), the Football Spectators (Seating) Order 1996 (S.I. [1996/1706](#)) and the Football Spectators (Seating) Order 1997 (S.I. [1997/1677](#)).

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**Changes and effects yet to be applied to the whole Instrument associated Parts and Chapters:**

- Order revoked by [S.I. 2022/728 Sch. 3 para. 5](#)