
STATUTORY INSTRUMENTS

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

The Football Spectators (Seating) Order 2008

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| <i>Made</i> | - - - - | <i>30th June 2008</i> |
| <i>Laid before Parliament</i> | | <i>3rd July 2008</i> |
| <i>Coming into force</i> | - - | <i>25th July 2008</i> |

The Secretary of State makes the following Order in exercise of the power conferred by section 11 of the Football Spectators Act 1989⁽¹⁾. In accordance with section 11(4) of that Act he has consulted with the Football Licensing Authority.

Citation and Commencement

1. This Order may be cited as the Football Spectators (Seating) Order 2008 and shall come into force on 25th July 2008.

Commencement Information

II Art. 1 in force at 25.7.2008, see [art. 1](#)

Direction

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

(2) When granting any licence to admit spectators⁽²⁾ 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 they are the home ground, the Football Licensing Authority shall include in that licence a condition imposing the requirements, as respects the seating of spectators at designated football matches⁽³⁾, specified in Schedule 2.

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

(2) See section 1(7) of the Football Spectators Act 1989.

(3) 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](#)).

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I2 Art. 2 in force at 25.7.2008, see [art. 1](#)

30th June 2008

Andy Burnham
Secretary of State for Culture, Media and Sport

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

Commencement Information

I3 Sch. 1 in force at 25.7.2008, see [art. 1](#)

| <i>(1) Address of the premises</i> | <i>(2) Football club of which the premises are the home ground</i> |
|------------------------------------|--|
| The Liberty Stadium | Swansea City Association Football Club |
| Morfa | |
| Swansea | |
| SA1 2FA | |
| Keepmoat Stadium | Doncaster Rovers Football Club |
| Stadium Way | |
| Doncaster Lakeside | |
| Doncaster | |
| DN4 5JB | |
| Don Valley Stadium | Rotherham United Football Club |
| Worksop Road | |
| Sheffield | |
| South Yorkshire | |
| S9 3TL | |

SCHEDULE 2

Article 2(2)

Requirements to be imposed

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

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I4 Sch. 2 para. 1 in force at 25.7.2008, see [art. 1](#)

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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 25.7.2008, 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 Liberty Stadium, Swansea; the Keepmoat Stadium, Doncaster; and the Don Valley Stadium, Sheffield, a condition imposing the requirements that only seated accommodation is to be provided for spectators at a designated football match and that spectators shall only be admitted to watch such a match from seated accommodation. In order to admit spectators to a designated football match, which would include any association football match played at those grounds, a licence is required under the Football Spectators Act 1989.

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

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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. 16](#)