
STATUTORY INSTRUMENTS

1996 No. 1706

SPORTS GROUNDS AND SPORTING EVENTS

The Football Spectators (Seating) Order 1996

Made - - - - 27th June 1996
Laid before Parliament 9th July 1996
Coming into force - - 31st July 1996

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

PROSPECTIVE

1. This Order may be cited as the Football Spectators (Seating) Order 1996 and shall come into force on 31st July 1996.

Commencement Information

I1 Art. 1 in force at 31.7.1996, see [art. 1](#)

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.

Commencement Information

I2 Art. 2 in force at 31.7.1996, see [art. 1](#)

⁽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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Virginia Bottomley
Secretary of State for National Heritage

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PROSPECTIVE

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 31.7.1996, see [art. 1](#)

| (1) <i>Address</i> | (2) <i>The Home Ground of</i> |
|--|----------------------------------|
| The Hawthorns West Bromwich B71 4LF | West Bromwich Albion |
| Fratton Park Frogmore Road Portsmouth Hampshire PO4 8RA | Portsmouth |

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 31.7.1996, see [art. 1](#)

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

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I5 Sch. 2 para. 2 in force at 31.7.1996, see [art. 1](#)

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PROSPECTIVE

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, both in England, 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 football matches” are those association football matches designated by the Secretary of State, under 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 of 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) and the Football Spectators (Seating) Order 1995 (S.I. 1995/1706).

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Changes and effects yet to be applied to :

- Sch. 1 coming into force by [S.I. 1996/1706 art. 1](#)
- Sch. 2 para. 1 coming into force by [S.I. 1996/1706 art. 1](#)
- Sch. 2 para. 2 coming into force by [S.I. 1996/1706 art. 1](#)
- art. 1 coming into force by [S.I. 1996/1706 art. 1](#)
- art. 2 coming into force by [S.I. 1996/1706 art. 1](#)

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. 3](#)