
STATUTORY INSTRUMENTS

2016 No. 629

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

The Football Spectators (Seating) Order 2016

<i>Made</i>	- - - -	<i>7th June 2016</i>
<i>Laid before Parliament</i>		<i>9th June 2016</i>
<i>Coming into force</i>	- -	<i>1st July 2016</i>

The Secretary of State, in exercise of the powers conferred by section 11 of the Football Spectators Act 1989(1), makes the following Order.

He has consulted the Sports Grounds Safety Authority(2) in accordance with section 11(4) of that Act.

Title and commencement

1. The title of this Order is the Football Spectators (Seating) Order 2016, and it comes into force on 1st July 2016.

Commencement Information

II Art. 1 in force at 1.7.2016, see [art. 1](#)

Direction

2. The Secretary of State directs the Sports Grounds Safety Authority to include the conditions specified in Schedule 1 in any licence to admit spectators(3) to the premises specified in Schedule 2.

Commencement Information

I2 Art. 2 in force at 1.7.2016, see [art. 1](#)

(1) [1989 c. 37](#); section 1(6A) defines “the licensing authority” as the Sports Grounds Safety Authority. Section 1(6A) was inserted by paragraph 7(1) of Schedule 2 to the Sports Grounds Safety Authority Act [2011 \(c. 6\)](#).
(2) The Football Licensing Authority was established by section 8 of, and Schedule 2 to, the Football Spectators Act [1989 \(c. 37\)](#) and renamed the Sports Grounds Safety Authority under section 1(1) of the Sports Grounds Safety Authority Act 2011.
(3) “Licence to admit spectators” is defined in section 1(7) of the Football Spectators Act 1989.

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7th June 2016

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Department for Culture, Media and Sport

SCHEDULE 1

Article 2

Conditions to be imposed

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

Commencement Information

I3 Sch. 1 para. 1 in force at 1.7.2016, see [art. 1](#)

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

Commencement Information

I4 Sch. 1 para. 2 in force at 1.7.2016, see [art. 1](#)

SCHEDULE 2

Article 2

Premises in respect of which the conditions in Schedule 1 must be imposed

Commencement Information

I5 Sch. 2 in force at 1.7.2016, see [art. 1](#)

<i>(1) Address of the premises</i>	<i>(2) Football club of which the premises are the home ground</i>
London Stadium	West Ham United Football Club
Queen Elizabeth Olympic Park	
Stratford	
London E20 2ST	

EXPLANATORY NOTE

(This note is not part of the Order)

This Order directs the Sports Grounds Safety Authority to include an “all-seater” condition in any licence granted to admit spectators to the London Stadium at the Queen Elizabeth Olympic Park, the home ground of West Ham United Football Club. This condition requires that only seated accommodation be provided for spectators at designated football matches, and spectators only be

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admitted to watch a designated football match from seated accommodation. Those requirements are specified in Schedule 1.

Designated football matches are matches designated by Order under section 1(2) of the Football Spectators Act 1989. Under the Football Spectators (Designation of Football Matches in England and Wales) Order 2000 (S.I. 2000/3331) these include any association football match played at the London Stadium.

A full impact assessment has not been produced for this Order as a negligible impact on the private sector is foreseen. An Explanatory Memorandum has been prepared and is available alongside this instrument on www.legislation.gov.uk.

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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. 21](#)