
STATUTORY INSTRUMENTS

1997 No. 1677

SPORTS GROUNDS AND SPORTING EVENTS

The Football Spectators (Seating) Order 1997

<i>Made</i>	- - - -	<i>10th July 1997</i>
<i>Laid before Parliament</i>		<i>10th July 1997</i>
<i>Coming into force</i>	- -	<i>31st July 1997</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⁾ and of all other powers enabling him in that behalf, after consulting the Football Licensing Authority, hereby makes the following Order:—

1. This Order may be cited as the Football Spectators (Seating) Order 1997 and shall come into force on 31st July 1997.

Commencement Information

I1 Art. 1 in force at 31.7.1997, 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 31.7.1997, 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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10th July 1997

Chris Smith
Secretary of State for National Heritage

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 31.7.1997, see [art. 1](#)

(1) <i>The Stadium at</i>	(2) <i>The Home Ground of</i>
Burnden Way Bolton BL6 6JW (Known as “Reebok Stadium”)	Bolton Wanderers
Pride Park Derby DE24 8XL (Known as “Pride Park Stadium”)	Derby County
Stadium Park Sunderland SR5 1BT (Known as “Stadium Park”)	Sunderland
Stanley Matthews Way Stoke-on-Trent ST4 4EG (Known as “Britannia Stadium”)	Stoke City

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 31.7.1997, 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 31.7.1997, see [art. 1](#)

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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 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 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](#)) and the Football Spectators (Seating) Order 1996 (S.I. [1996/1706](#)).

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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. 4](#)