

# **SUTTON UNITED GROUND REGULATIONS**

**Entry to the Ground is expressly subject to acceptance by the visitor of these Ground Regulations and the rules and regulations of FIFA, UEFA, The Football Association (FA), the English Football League (EFL), the National League (NL) and the Womens' Super League (WSL) in respect of the relevant competition. Entry to the Ground shall constitute acceptance of the Ground Regulations.**

- 1) Permission to enter or to remain within the Ground (not withstanding possession of any ticket) is at the absolute discretion of the Club. For any match not featuring the Club such absolute discretion also applies with respect to the Home side of the fixture. On no account will admission be granted to a person who is subject to a Banning Order as defined under the Football Spectators Act 1989 (and as amended or superseded) or has been convicted of any ticket touting offences under the Criminal Justice and Public order Act 1994 (or as amended or superseded), as amended by the Violent Crime Reduction Act 2006.
- 2) The Club excludes to the maximum extent permitted by law any liability for loss, injury, damage to persons/property in or around the Ground.
- 3) No Guarantees can be given by the Club that a Match will take place at a particular time or on a particular date and the Club reserves the right to reschedule the Match without notice and without any liability whatsoever.
- 4) In the event of the postponement or abandonment of the Match, refunds (if any) will be made in accordance with the Club's Customer Charter (or similar Club Customer Charter where it is not the Home team). The Club will have no further liability whatsoever including (but not limited to) any indirect or consequential loss or damage, such as (but not limited to) loss of enjoyment of travel costs.
- 5) All persons seeking entrance to the Ground acknowledge the Club's right to search any person entering the Ground and to refuse may lead to non-entry to or ejection from the Ground.
- 6) Children of 13 years and under must be accompanied by an adult paying customer.
- 7) The following articles must not be brought within the Ground – knives, fireworks, smoke canisters, air-horns, flares, weapons, dangerous or hazardous items, laser devices, glass bottles, glass vessels, cans, drums, poles and any article that in the eyes of the Club or Police could be used as a weapon and/or compromise public safety. Bags larger than a rucksack (measuring 48cm x 33cm) will not be permitted. Any person in possession of such items will be refused entry to the Ground. Anyone found in possession of such items already in the Ground is liable to ejection from it.

- 8) No dogs are permitted entry to the Ground except licensed assistance dogs, for example Guide Dogs, or working dogs employed to assist the enforcement of the Ground Regulations.
- 9) The use of threatening behaviour, foul or abusive language is strictly forbidden and will result in arrest and/or ejection from the Ground. The Club may impose a ban of one, or more, Matches, as a result of breach of these Ground Regulations.
  - a) Racial, Homophobic or discriminatory abuse, chanting or harassment is strictly forbidden and will result in arrest and/or ejection from the Ground. The Club will pursue a policy of banning offenders from Matches and will assist the Police in any criminal pursuit in addition.
  - b) The following acts are offences under the Football (Offences) Act 1991 (and as amended):- The throwing of any object within the Ground without lawful authority or excuse; The chanting of anything of an indecent, racist, or homophobic nature; The entry on to the plying area or any area adjacent (beyond the pitch barrier) to which spectators are not generally admitted without lawful authority or excuse; The “tailgating” at entry points to the stadium (such as, but not limited to, turnstiles) to effect entry without a ticket. Any conviction for such an offence will likely result in a Banning Order being made, which may not be limited to this stadium.
- 10) The obstruction of gangways, access ways, exits and entrances, stairways and like places is strictly forbidden. Nobody entering the Ground shall be permitted to climb any structures within the Ground.
- 11) Smoking, including the use of e-cigarettes (vaping) are not permitted in any area of the Stadium.
- 12) Mobile telephones and other mobile devices are permitted within the Ground PROVIDED THAT (i) they are used for personal and private use only (which for the avoidance of doubt, and by way of example only and not be limited to, shall not include the capturing, logging, recording, transmitting, playing, issuing, showing, or any other communication of Material for any commercial purpose – unless specifically granted licence therefore to undertake); and (ii) no Material that is captured, logged, recorded, transmitted, played, issued, shown or otherwise communicated by a mobile telephone or other mobile device may be published or otherwise made available to any third parties including, without limitation, via social networking sites – unless specifically granted licence therefore to undertake.
- 13) Under the Sporting Events (Control of Alcohol) Act 1985 (or as amended), the following are offences for which a person can be arrested by a police officer and conviction could result in a Banning Order being made:-
  - a) Attempting to enter the Ground or being inside the Ground whilst drunk.
  - b) Being in possession of any intoxicating liquor, or bottle, can or other portable container and which could cause damage or personal injury, when entering the Ground or in a public area of the Ground from which the event can be directly

viewed. (Note in specific circumstances certain matches in certain leagues the rule regarding “drinking in sight of the pitch” is not applicable).

- 14) Any individual who has entered any part of the Ground designated for the use of any group of supporters to which they do not belong may be ejected from the Ground either for the purposes of their own safety or for any other reason.
- 15) Save as set out in Paragraph 12 above, no person (other than a person who holds an appropriate licence) may capture, log, record, transmit, play, issue, show or otherwise communicate (by digital or other means) any Material in relation to the Match, any players or other persons present in the Ground and/or the Ground itself, nor may they bring into the Ground or use within the Ground (or provide to, facilitate or otherwise assist any other person to use within the Ground) any equipment or technology which is capable of capturing, logging, recording, transmitting, playing, issuing, showing or otherwise communicating (by digital or other means) any such Material, Copyright, database rights, and any other intellectual property rights in any unauthorized recording or transmission that is assigned (by way of present assignment or of future assignment of future rights) to the Club or the EFL or the WSL or the NL. You further agree (if and whenever required to do so by the Club and or any of the above leagues) to promptly execute all instruments and do all things necessary to vest the right, title and interest in such rights to the Club or relevant league absolutely and with full guarantee.
- 16) No goods (including literature) of any nature may be offered either free or for sale by any person within the Ground without the express written permission of the Club.
- 17) Tickets are not transferable and may not be offered for sale without the written prior permission of the Club. Any tickets offered for sale may be confiscated by any steward, officer of the Club or any police officer. The Club reserves the right to refuse admission to or eject from the Ground and/or “blacklist” any person who has offered for sale or transferred his/her ticket. Tickets remain the property of the Club at all times.
- 18) CCTV cameras are in use around and inside the Ground (including inside the buildings within the Ground). Body worn cameras and recording devices recording video and/or audio may also be used as deemed appropriate by the Club, for example to record prohibited behaviours as referenced in paragraph 8. The Club may itself use or pass to the Police or any other Football Authority including other clubs or leagues, any recordings made for use in any proceedings.
- 19) At all times, whilst present in the Ground, persons must comply with any and all instructions from any steward or officer of the Club and/or any police officer. Failure to comply with any instruction may lead to immediate ejection from the Ground.
- 20) By entering the Ground all persons are acknowledging that photographic images and/or audio, visual and/or audio-visual recordings and/or feeds (and/or stills taken therefrom) may be taken of them and may also be used, by way of example but without limitation, in televised coverage of the game and/or for promotional,

training, editorial or marketing purposes by the Club and/or any league or competition in which the Match is a part thereof, or others (including commercial partners of either the Club, league or competition and/or accredited media organisations) and entry to the Ground constitutes consent to such use.

**Refused entry to (or ejection from) the Ground may lead to further action by the Club including, but not limited to, the withdrawal of any season ticket, or other future event ticket, Club membership and/or any other benefits, without reimbursement.**

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