

WEYMOUTH FOOTBALL CLUB

GROUND REGULATIONS 2026 - 2027



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Admission - The Club may refuse entry to or eject any person who breaches these Regulations, ticket conditions or instructions, or whose presence or conduct may compromise safety, security or good order.

Banning orders / unauthorised entry - Persons prohibited by a Football Banning Order must not enter where the order applies. Unauthorised entry, ticket fraud or touting may be reported to police and/or Football Authorities.

Bag searches and security checks - For everyone's safety, bags and other carried items are subject to search before entry. Spectators must present bags and belongings when requested by an authorised steward or Club official. Proportionate searches of persons may also be carried out where appropriate. Refusal of a required search may result in refusal of admission.

Prohibited items - Weapons, knives, fireworks, flares, smoke bombs/canisters, other pyrotechnics, explosives, hazardous substances, lasers, glass vessels, cans, air horns, dangerous poles, drones and any item reasonably considered dangerous or capable of compromising public safety are prohibited unless expressly authorised.

Pyrotechnics, missiles and dangerous conduct - Possessing, using, igniting or throwing pyrotechnics, fireworks, flares or smoke devices is prohibited. Missile throwing, fighting, dangerous crowd surging, climbing structures or interfering with barriers/safety equipment may result in ejection, a Club ban and referral to police or Football Authorities.

Pitch, sterile and restricted areas - Spectators must not enter the field of play, pitch perimeter, technical areas, players'/officials' areas, operational zones, sterile areas or any area not designated for their use unless authorised or directed.

Gangways and emergency routes - Gangways, stairways, access routes, exit gates, emergency exits, evacuation routes and accessible circulation areas must remain clear at all times. Do not stand, sit, queue or leave property where it obstructs a safety route.

Emergency instructions - In an emergency, follow announcements and instructions immediately. Spectators may be directed to another exit, another part of the Ground, told temporarily to remain in position, or directed onto the playing area under the Club's emergency arrangements.

Behaviour - Threatening, violent, abusive, intimidating or seriously antisocial behaviour is prohibited and may lead to refusal, ejection, a Club ban and/or police or Football Authority action.

Discrimination / tragedy abuse - Discriminatory abuse, chanting, gestures or harassment relating to race, colour, nationality, ethnic origin, religion/belief, sex, gender, gender reassignment, sexual orientation or disability is prohibited. Offensive references to football-related tragedies are also prohibited.

Segregation - Where areas are designated for particular supporter groups, spectators must remain in the area for which their ticket/accreditation is valid unless directed otherwise.

Seating / standing - Use the allocated seat or area where applicable. Persistent standing in seated accommodation may be prohibited where it obstructs views, compromises safety or breaches steward/Club instructions.

Accessible areas - Wheelchair/accessible viewing positions, companion positions, ramps and associated circulation spaces are reserved for their intended users and must not be obstructed.

Alcohol / intoxication - No person may enter or remain while drunk or so affected by alcohol or other substances that they present a safety, security or behavioural risk. Alcohol is subject to law, the premises licence and fixture-specific restrictions.

Smoking / vaping - Smoking is prohibited wherever unlawful or designated non-smoking. Vaping/e-cigarettes may also be prohibited in designated areas. Follow signage and steward instructions.

Tickets, passes and QR codes - Tickets, season tickets, passes, QR codes and accreditation are subject to Club terms. They must not be copied, altered, fraudulently used, transferred or resold contrary to those terms or applicable law.

Postponed / rearranged matches - The Club cannot guarantee a Match will take place at a particular time/date. Refunds, credits or ticket validity following postponement, abandonment, delay or rearrangement are governed by Club ticketing terms/Customer Charter and applicable competition requirements.

Trading / promotion - No unauthorised selling, distribution, collection, promotion, marketing, commercial display or trading is permitted within the Ground.

Photography, recording and match data - Personal non-commercial photography/mobile-device use is permitted unless otherwise directed. Live or near-live footage, commentary, data, betting/data collection, broadcast, systematic reporting or commercial exploitation requires appropriate permission/licence.

CCTV and body-worn video - CCTV and other surveillance may operate for safety, security, crime prevention and incident investigation. Body-worn video may be used by authorised personnel. Information is handled under applicable data-protection law and Club privacy information.

Event photography / filming - Matches and Events may be photographed, filmed, televised, streamed or otherwise recorded by authorised parties. Spectators may appear incidentally in crowd/event footage. Appropriate permission will be sought where required for use of an identifiable individual as the principal subject of promotional/commercial material.

Steward / official instructions - All persons must comply promptly with lawful and reasonable instructions from the Safety Officer, authorised stewards, Club officials, police or emergency services. Failure may result in relocation, refusal or ejection.

Children / young people - Parents, guardians and responsible adults remain responsible for children in their care. Children must comply with these Regulations and any age-related ticketing, supervision or safeguarding requirements.

Personal property / liability - To the maximum extent permitted by law, the Club is not responsible for loss/damage to personal property or loss/injury arising from circumstances outside its reasonable control. Nothing excludes liability where it would be unlawful to do so.

Club sanctions - Breaches may result in refusal, relocation, ejection, cancellation/confiscation of ticket or pass where lawful, withdrawal/suspension of season ticket or membership, a Club ban, recovery of losses and/or referral to competent authorities.

Fixture-specific requirements - Additional reasonable conditions may apply for safety, security, segregation, licensing, policing, safeguarding, broadcasting or competition requirements, including directions of The FA, relevant Competition, Dorset Council/SAG, police or another competent authority.

Governing requirements - These Regulations operate alongside applicable law, the Safety Certificate and Club safety documentation, ticketing terms, Customer Charter, safeguarding arrangements and relevant Football Authority rules. Mandatory legal/regulatory requirements take precedence.

Review - These Regulations apply for the 2026/27 season and will be reviewed at least annually and whenever legislation, competition rules, the Safety Certificate, stadium layout or Club safety arrangements materially change.

KEY SAFETY:

**BAGS ARE SUBJECT TO SEARCH BEFORE ENTRY | NO PYROTECHNICS |
KEEP GANGWAYS & EXITS CLEAR | NO PITCH/RESTRICTED-AREA ENTRY |
FOLLOW STEWARD & SAFETY OFFICER INSTRUCTIONS**

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This log tracking table details all historical amendments, authorization mandates, and iterations of this risk documentation framework.

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