

Hastings United Football Club

Ground Regulations

Regulation 1

Permission to enter the **Ground** (notwithstanding possession of any ticket) is at the absolute discretion of the **Club**, any police officer or authorised steward. On no account will admission be granted to a person who is the subject of a current Banning Order.

Regulation 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.

Regulation 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.

Regulation 4

In the event of postponement or abandonment of the **Match**, refunds (if any) will be made in accordance with the **Club's** Customer Charter. The **Club** will have no further liability whatsoever, included (but not limited to) any indirect or consequential loss or damage, such as (but not limited to) loss of enjoyment or travel costs.

Regulation 5

All persons seeking entrance to the **Ground** acknowledge the **Club's** right to search any person or their bags when entering the **Ground** and to refuse entry to or eject from the **Ground** any person refusing to submit to such a search.

Regulation 6

The following articles must not be brought within the **Ground** - footballs, whistles, knives, fireworks, smoke canisters, air-horns, flares, weapons, dangerous or hazardous items, laser devices, bottles, glass vessels, cans, poles and any article that may be used as a weapon and/or compromise public safety. Any person in possession of such items will be refused entry or ejected from the **Ground**.

Regulation 7

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 for one or more **Matches**.

Regulation 7a

Racial abuse, abusive chanting or harassment is strictly forbidden and will result in arrest and/or ejection from the **Ground**. The **Club** may impose a ban for one or more **Matches**

Regulation 7b

The following acts are arrestable offences under the Football (Offences) Act 1991, as amended (conviction may result in a Banning Order being made)

- The throwing of any object within the Ground without lawful authority or excuse
- The chanting of anything of an indecent or racist nature
- The entry onto the playing area or adjacent area to which spectators are not generally admitted without lawful authority or excuse.

Regulation 8

All persons entering the **Ground** may only use the parts of the **Ground** open to spectators. Any areas designated permanently or temporarily out of bounds must not be used. Failure to comply may result in ejection from the **Ground**.

Regulation 9a

Nobody may stand in any seating area whilst play is in progress. Persistent standing in seated areas whilst play is in progress is strictly forbidden and may result in ejection from the **Ground**. Running in any spectator viewing area is forbidden.

Regulation 9b

In certain areas of the ground smoking is forbidden and illegal. Such areas are marked with no smoking signs and include the bar and function room, turnstiles, toilets, club shop, tea bar, Elphinstone Road end covered stand, the main Pavilion Stand, changing rooms and dug outs and Club offices and hospitality areas. Any person found breaking this regulation will be asked to abide by the regulation. Failure to comply will result in the person being ejected from the ground and the police being called.

Regulation 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 or sit on any structures within the Ground which includes but is not limited to fences, railings, walls and pylons.

Regulation 11

Anyone entering the **Ground** in a motor vehicle may only do so with the permission of a steward or officer of the **Club**. No motor vehicles movements are allowed within the **Ground** within a minimum of 30 minutes of a Match or once a decision has been made by the Safety Officer or his Deputy to stop access to motor vehicles. Motor vehicle movements are not allowed within the **Ground** until after it is considered safe. Vehicles movements in all areas of the **Ground** are restricted to 10mph. Failure to comply will result in access being denied in future.

Regulation 12

Under the Sporting Events (Control of Alcohol etc) Act 1985, 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.

- Attempting to enter the **Ground** or being inside the **Ground** whilst drunk. .
- 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**.

Regulation 13

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**.

Regulation 14

The **Club** reserves the position to refuse any person the right to use photographic equipment whilst on the **clubs** premises. Any person identified as using what the **club** considers to be professional photographic equipment without the **clubs** sanction, will be asked to leave the **Ground**. In such cases, the **club** will not refund any part of any entrance fee paid.

Hastings United FC deem professional equipment as equipment that is used for the supplying of photographs/ images of any sort/type to the media, press and/or any publications, websites or social media type platforms such as Facebook, Twitter, Flicker or any other similar Social media platform.

Hastings United FC retains ownership rights to any photographs/images produced via professional photographic equipment unless the **club** has granted specific sanction to use as such professional equipment. A person who requires use of such equipment must also gain sanction from the club if they require use of such equipment pitch side of the perimeter pitch fence.

Regulation 15

CCTV cameras are in use around the **Ground** and the **Club** may itself use or pass to the police or any Football Authority, any recordings for use in any proceedings.

Regulation 16

At all times whilst present in the **Ground**, persons must comply with any and all instructions of 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**. Any person being abusive or using threatening behaviour to a steward or officer of the Club will be ejected from the **Ground** immediately and the **Club** will impose a ban for one or more **Matches**.

Regulation 17

The **Club** reserves absolutely the right to eject from the **Ground** any person failing to comply with any of the **Ground Regulations** or whose presence within the **Ground** is, or could, reasonably be construed as constituting a source of danger, nuisance or annoyance to any other person. This could lead to further action by the **Club** including, but not limited to, the withdrawal of any season ticket (without reimbursement) and other benefits.

Regulation 18

Entry to the **Ground** shall constitute acceptance of the **Ground Regulations**.

Definitions

Words in bold have the following meanings

Club, Hastings United Football Club

Ground, The Pilot Field, Elphinstone Road, Hastings

Ground Regulations, A list of requirements, restricted activities and behaviour for any person entering the **Ground**.

Match, A match or event for which a person is entering the **Ground** whether or not organised by the **Club** and irrespective of whether a ticket has been sold for the **Match**.