



Lancashire County Cricket

# **OPERATIONS MANUAL**

**Section 15 – Ground Regulations**

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## Emirates Old Trafford Ground Regulations

### Conditions of Entry

NOTICE: Any person who enters the Ground is admitted only based on these conditions and by entering the Ground has deemed to have accepted these conditions.

“Stadium” means any area certified for use pursuant to a General Safety Certificate issued under the Safety of Sports Grounds act 1975, or Stand Certificate issued under the Fire Safety and Safety of Places of Sports Act 1987, or any other area designed to accommodate spectators of sporting activities.

“Ground” means Emirates Old Trafford, Blackpool Cricket Ground, Southport & Birkdale Cricket Ground, Sedbergh School Cricket Ground, Sale Cricket Club and Farington Cricket Ground or the surrounding areas, or other property owned, occupied, licensed or controlled by Lancashire Cricket Club Limited (Company Number IP28451R).

“Match” means any Cricket game, or ancillary activities, taking place on the Field of Play.

“Club” means Lancashire County Cricket Club Limited (Company Number IP28451R)

“ECB” means The England and Wales Cricket Board.

“Authorised Person” means any Steward, Security officer, Door supervisor, Player Protection Officer, Club management, ECB Anti-Corruption Officer, Police Constable, Police Community Support Officer and any other officer under special order of the Club.

- 1) The Club reserves the right of admission to the Ground and may revoke the implied right of access to the Ground of any person.
- 2) Entry to the Ground and Stadium requires a valid ticket, authorised accreditation or pass. Authorised Persons reserve the right to request that a person produce a valid ticket and photo identification at any time. Any person failing to produce upon request a valid ticket or pass for their presence within the Ground may be ejected. A ticket with an incorrect price classification for the holder will be considered invalid.
- 3) Refused entry to (or ejection from) the Ground may lead to further action by the Club including, but not limited to, the withdrawal of implied right of access, any season ticket (without reimbursement), Membership and other benefits.
- 4) The Club excludes to the maximum extent permitted by law any liability for loss, injury or damage to persons/property in or around the Ground.
- 5) Notwithstanding possession of any ticket, the Club or any Authorised Person may refuse entry to (or eject from) the Ground any person.
  - a) that fails (or in the Club’s reasonable opinion is likely to fail) to comply with.
    - i) these Ground Regulations,
    - ii) any reasonable instruction issued by an Authorised Person,
    - iii) the Laws, Rules and Regulations of the Match,
    - iv) the Safety of Sports Grounds Act 1975,
    - v) the Licencing act 2003,
  - b) or whose presence within the Ground is or could (in the Club’s reasonable opinion);



- i) constitute or cause a breach of the peace,
    - ii) constitute or cause a criminal offence,
    - iii) be a source of danger, nuisance or annoyance to any other person.
  - c) or who.
    - i) is the subject of a current Banning Order under the Football Spectators Act 1989 (as amended),
    - ii) is the subject of a current Order or Injunction, banning or excluding them from a Sports Ground in England & Wales,
    - iii) has been convicted of ticket touting offences under the Criminal Justice and Public Order 1994 (as amended).
- 6) Children under the age of 15 years must be accompanied by a responsible adult. In the event of an incident involving the junior, the adult will be held responsible. Persons under the age of 15 years will not be admitted unaccompanied.
- 7) Persons issued with a ticket for a specific seat must occupy that seat unless instructed otherwise by an Authorised Person.
- 8) Any person and their property are liable to be searched by an Authorised Person on entry to the Ground and at any other time during the event. Failure to submit to any requested search by an Authorised Persons will lead to refusal of admission or ejection and may also lead to exclusion from the Ground. All bags being brought into the stadium will be check and tagged before access to the ground is granted. The number and size of bags that may be brought into the Ground will be restricted to **ONE BAG PER PERSON** and this bag must measure no more than **18”x12”x12” (45cm x 30cm x 30cm or a standard ruck sack size)**, so that it may fit comfortably under your seat.
- 9) Any Person in possession of the following prohibited articles, without lawful excuse or authority, will be refused entry to the Ground:
  - a) Knives or any other article which has a blade or is sharply pointed,
  - b) Fireworks (as defined in section 1(1) of the Fireworks Act 2003),
  - c) Flares or other articles (as defined in section 2A (3) of the Sporting Events (Control of Alcohol etc.) Act 1985),
  - d) Offensive weapons (as defined in section 1(9) of the Police and Criminal Evidence Act 1984),
  - e) Firearms (as defined in section 57(1) Firearms Act 1968),
  - f) Airsoft or Toy guns,
  - g) Any article possessed with the intent to destroy or damage property (as defined in section 3 Criminal Damage Act 1971),
  - h) Any article possessed with the intent to cause nuisance, distress, annoyance, inconvenience, or loss of amenity to another person,
  - i) Any article possessed with the intent to cause disruption to the Match taking place,
  - j) Controlled Drugs (as defined in schedule 2 of the Misuse of Drugs act 1971),
  - k) Air-horns, Rattles, Klaxons, or Musical Instruments,
  - l) Laser devices,



- m)** Glass or metal bottles or vessels, including soft drinks cans.
  - n)** Flags or Banners that exceed 2 metres in size at their widest or longest section and must have an identifiable fire-retardant warning label stitched into the flag or be in possession of the appropriate paperwork showing the flag is made of fire-retardant material. Flags or banners promoting political views are also not allowed entry. Flagpoles that exceed 1 metre in length are not allowed.
  - o)** Umbrellas are allowed entry but consideration for fellow spectators must be adhered to. Umbrellas with metal pointed ends are not permitted.
  - p)** Flammable liquids,
  - q)** Gas Canisters,
  - r)** Cooking Appliances (including barbeques),
  - s)** Alcohol of any kind and any unsealed drinks,
  - t)** Pushbikes are permitted onsite but mustn't be ridden within the stadium and must be parked at the bike racks provided at Gate 3, Gate 10 and the Ticket Office compound.
  - u)** Push chairs and prams are permitted onsite but must be stored in designated storage areas and no prams or push chairs will be permitted in the stands. Storage areas are located at Gate 1, under B Stand, C Stand and the ICC Building.
  - v)** Animals (except for service or assistance animals),
  - w)** Adhesive chemicals or Glues,
  - x)** Mechanical Restraints (including handcuffs and leg irons),
  - y)** Electronic Devices which in the reasonable opinion of the Club may be used to assist or enable another to cheat at gambling. Laptops are allowed entry but must not be used in view of the playing area.
  - z)** Any other article which in the reasonable opinion of the Club is dangerous, hazardous or may compromise public safety.
- 10)** If a person is found with a Prohibited Item (defined in Ground Regulation 9), this item will be confiscated by an Authorised Person and the person may be ejected from the Ground or refused entry into the Ground. The item will be disposed of without compensation if the party declines to return the item to a safe place.
- 11)** The following offences are prohibited and any person committing such an offence may be refused entry, ejected and/or excluded from the Ground by an Authorised Person:
- a)** The use of threatening, abusive or insulting words or behaviour with intent to provoke a breach of the peace or whereby a breach of the peace is likely to be occasioned,
  - b)** Throwing of any object within, at or towards the field of play, any area adjacent to the field of play or any area in which spectators or other persons are or may be present,
  - c)** Use of foul or abusive language, obscene or indecent gestures or chanting, including threatening, abusive, or insulting language directed to a person by reason of their colour, race, sexuality, nationality (including citizenship) or ethnic or national origins,



- d)** Unauthorised entry upon the field of play and this includes going onto the field of play, or any area adjacent to the field of play to which spectators are not generally admitted,
- e)** Unnecessary noise or behaviour likely to cause causing distress, annoyance, inconvenience, or loss of amenity of any kind and/or interrupt play,
- f)** Behaving in a Lewd manner that is likely to bring the Match, Ground, Stadium, Club or Sporting authority into disrepute,
- g)** Assembling or constructing, or the circulating of an article consisting of stacked or adjoined drinking vessels (colloquially known as a Beer Snake)
- h)** Climbing onto or into stands, buildings, fences, walls, structures or fittings within the Ground,
- i)** Obstruction of gangways, access ways, exits, entrances and stairways,
- j)** Interference with safety arrangements physically, or otherwise,
- k)** Standing on seats or Standing within a seated only area,
- l)** Being Drunk (through intoxication of drink and/or drugs) within the Ground,
- m)** Attempting to gain admission to, or being found within, a section of the Ground without the appropriate ticket, authorisation or documentation,
- n)** Spectators being present in an area of the Stadium which is not certified for Spectators pursuant to any sports grounds Safety Certificate or Premises Licence,
- o)** Abandoning a child under the age of 16 years, so that they are not kept within arm's reach of a responsible adult over 18 years, or allowing a child under 16 to cause disruption, nuisance, distress, annoyance, inconvenience, or loss of amenity to another person,
- p)** Unauthorised use of promotional, commercial, political and religious printed matter, (including but not limited to leaflets, banners, clothing, signs, symbols),
- q)** Distributing or offering for sale any newspaper, food, drink, merchandise, ticket, or any other article,
- r)** Conducting any charitable collection unless expressly authorised by the Club,
- s)** Only clothing related to the teams participating in the fixture is allowed entry. Articles of clothing that do not comply with this instruction must be removed otherwise entry may be refused or you may be asked to leave the venue.
- t)** Removal of shirts or clothing likely to cause offence or which shows genitalia, also, entering a member's area with a bare torso is strictly prohibited.
- u)** Unauthorised gambling within the Ground,
- v)** Under no circumstances may any Visitor at Emirates Old Trafford use a smart device, computer or any other kind of communication device (now known or hereafter invented) to (i) communicate, transfer or otherwise transmit any audio, visual or audio-visual data, information, commentary, footage or other material in relation to a cricket match (or any aspect thereof) or any other activities taking place at Emirates Old Trafford for any kind of improper betting or any other corrupt, fraudulent or unlawful purpose; or (ii) conduct continuous betting trading activity.
- w)** Except for persons authorised by the Club Management, the taking of picture or sound recordings by whatever means for commercial purposes is strictly prohibited



- x) Smoking, including the use of vapes/e-cigarettes, within the Stadium, seating areas, structures or buildings,
  - y) Parking in any part of the Ground other than on designated parking bays and with the appropriate authority of the Club,
  - z) Moving from one area of the Stadium to another without permission of an authorised person, and
  - aa) Committing, or attempted to Commit, a Criminal Offence.
- 12)** CCTV and Body-Worn Video cameras are in use around and in the Ground and the Club may itself use or pass to the police or the relevant Sporting Authority, ECB or other clubs, any recordings for use in any proceedings.
- 13)** Apart from persons authorised by the Club and Press Representatives holding official accreditation, the taking of photographs or use of video equipment inside the Stadium is prohibited. In addition, recording or transmitting for Radio, Television, Internet or for private purposes, whether for transmission or otherwise, is not permitted except with special authorisation in writing by the Club.
- 14)** Only persons specifically authorised in writing by the Club are permitted to distribute either without charge or offer for sale within the Ground any newspapers, periodicals, merchandise or any other articles.
- 15)** All ticket holders agree that Matches for which the tickets have been purchased are public, and that their appearances and actions inside and in the perimeter of the Stadium where a Match occurs are public in nature, and that they shall have no expectation of privacy with regards to their actions or conduct at Matches.
- 16)** By entering the Ground, all persons are acknowledging that photographic images and/or video recordings (and/or stills taken from video recordings) may be taken of them and may also be used in televised coverage of the Match or by the Club or any relevant Sporting Authority for marketing or promotional purposes. Entry into the Ground is confirmation that all persons have consented to such use of their image. If these images should feature an individual prominently the Club will make reasonable efforts to gain the consent of that person before publishing such images, however, if this is not possible, then entry into the Ground shall be deemed consent unless the Club is notified in writing to the contrary.
- 17)** All matches will be played in accordance with the Marylebone Cricket Club's Laws of Cricket, the rules and regulations of the ECB, the rules and regulations of the Cricket Regulator, or other associated sport's governing bodies, and their respective laws of the Match.
- 18)** No guarantees can be given by the 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.
- 19)** At the Ground's discretion, refunds may be made in respect of tickets sold and paid for in advance of a match / event, where such match / event is postponed. This is subject to a time limitation, the details of which can be obtained from the Ticket Office. Persons entering the Ground are advised to retain their ticket stub, as this may be required to be produced later.
- 20)** Any vehicle within the Ground which is parked in a manner likely to cause an obstruction or safety hazard may be re-located by the Club or their agents to a location which no longer causes an obstruction or safety hazard. The driver or owner of the vehicle will not be in any way prevented from subsequently retrieving the vehicle.

