



## **GROUND REGULATIONS**

### **1) Admission:**

- a. All persons entering the ground shall have either paid admission and received an appropriate ticket or be in possession of a valid membership badge or other valid pass, and are only admitted subject to these Ground Regulations and Rules of the Club.
- b. During the present pandemic, a new 'Code of Conduct' will be in place and all persons entering the ground will be subject to this code. A copy of the 'Code of Conduct' is available on the Clubs' website and in reception and at your point of entry.
- c. Admission may be refused to unaccompanied children if in the view of the Club their presence places them at risk.
- d. Admission tickets (which are not transferable) should be retained for the duration of the day(s) for which they are issued and must be produced to any official or steward upon request. There will be no re-admission allowed for all Twenty20 matches.
- e. Play cannot be guaranteed on any day.
- f. The refund policy for each format of cricket matches can be found online via [www.sussexcricket.co.uk](http://www.sussexcricket.co.uk).
- g. One carer of a registered disabled person shall be entitled to a free ticket.
- h. Ground admission tickets do not entitle the holders to enter any part of the Ground designated for Members. The fourth day of all County Championship Matches shall be an Open Ground Day, although the Club reserves the right to alter this Regulation where it is considered appropriate. All spectators will be allowed into the Pavilion area, but may only sit in unreserved seats. Gold Members and Members will have priority for choice of seat.
- i. For matches designated as 'All Ticket', only those persons in possession of a Pavilion ticket will be admitted to that area.

### **2) Conditions:**

Admission and the right to remain in the Ground are strictly on the condition that spectators shall not commit any of the following acts.

- a. Failing to comply with directions given by a Steward, Police Officer or other authorised official.
- b. Interfering in any way with the comfort, enjoyment or safety of spectators, stewards or staff.
- c. Behaving in a way that may bring the Club or the game into disrepute.
- d. Causing damage to any part of the club premises.
- e. Under no circumstances may any person at the ground use a mobile telephone, computer or other kind of communication device to either
  - i. communicate or in any way transmit any form of commentary, data or other material in relation to a cricket match taking place at the ground

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- for any kind of improper betting or other corrupt or unlawful purpose;
- ii. or conduct betting activity in a public pitch-facing part of the ground in a way which, in the Club or its appointed nominee's opinion, otherwise brings the game or the Club into disrepute or which offends or is likely to offend other spectators.

### 3) Health & Safety Policy:

- a. Sussex County Cricket Club accepts its legal duties of care within the Health and Safety at Work Act 1974 and the Safety at Sports Grounds Act 1975. The structure and fabric of the ground and all facilities provided will be maintained in accordance with legal requirements to ensure the safety of staff and any person using it.
- b. All spectators and staff should be aware that the ball may enter any part of the arena at any time and should therefore remain vigilant whilst in the ground, including during any pre-match and between the innings practise sessions

### 4) Racism and Homophobia:

The Club has a strict policy dealing with any form of racist or homophobic behaviour. Immediate action will be taken at the first indication of any form of such behaviour with ejection from the ground and a ban on the person/persons involved being implemented for future matches. This policy includes the distribution by any means of racist or homophobic literature within the ground.

### 5) Search Policy:

The Club operates a search policy to prevent the importation of any offensive weapons, dangerous articles or substances. No person in possession of any such articles will be permitted entry to the ground. In addition, the search policy will be applied to prevent the importation of alcohol in excess of the specified limit for a particular match (see 6 below).

### 6) Alcohol Policy:

For all cricket matches at the Ground, the alcohol policy is:

No alcohol will be permitted to be brought into the Ground for all Twenty20, 50 Over Floodlit, Tourist, The Hundred, Domestic Final's and Women's International matches in addition to any other match that the Club considers appropriate.

Four 500ml cans of beer/lager or a 75cl bottle of wine will be allowed for all other Matches: No further alcohol will be permitted on any subsequent re-entry to the ground.

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Any alcohol in excess of these limits will be confiscated, disposed of and not returned.

### 7) No Smoking:

In accordance with the Health Act 2006, the ground is a non-smoking ground other than designated areas clearly marked. The smoking of e-cigarettes is not permitted anywhere within the Pavilion or other stands.

### 8) Members Pavilion and Executive Club:

- a. The minimum dress code for members and their guests entering these areas is neat casual dress. Tailored shorts are permitted, and a collared shirt/polo shirt must be worn at all times.
- b. Mobile Phones must be switched to silent in the Pavilion and not used for conversation.
- c. Mobile phones may be used in the Executive Club, providing their use does not interfere with the enjoyment of others.
- d. With the exception of 'Gold' members' seats, all other seats in the Pavilion may only be reserved from the time that the gates are opened, until start of play. No Spectator may reserve more than two seats including his or her own.

Failure to comply with any of these regulations may result in Members being asked to leave the Pavilion or Executive Club.

### 9) Vehicles:

- a. The Club accepts no responsibility for any damage to any vehicle whilst on the Club's premises however caused.
- b. No vehicle will be permitted to move within the ground at the end of a match until instructed to do so by a steward.
- c. All drivers of cars parked with a view of the pitch must ensure that they are suitably covered against sun reflection.
- d. The Club reserves the right to take whatever action is deemed appropriate should an animal be found to be suffering or distressed in a vehicle.

### 10) General:

- a. Dogs may be brought into the ground for County Championship and non-floodlit 50 Over matches only, excluding International matches of these formats. Dogs must be on a lead at all times and never allowed to foul the Ground or enter the playing area at any time. Dogs or other animals are never permitted in any place where food or drink may be served, except for assistance dogs.
- b. Dogs are not permitted to be brought into the ground for any other match, Firework display or concert, except for assistance dogs.
- c. A Family Area located at the north end of the ground will be in operation for all

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50 Over and Twenty20 matches. Only spectators accompanied by a child (under 18 years) are permitted access to this area. A moderate amount of alcohol will be permitted in the Family Area, but not in the walkway behind.

- d. The flying of Drones above any part of the arena is prohibited without the specific authority from The Civil Aviation Authority and the Club.

### 11) The Club reserves the right to:

- a. Close bars at any time or restrict the consumption of alcohol.
- b. Refuse the right of admission to any person.
- c. Request any person contravening these regulations to supply their name and address when required by a Steward or Police Officer.
- d. Eject anyone from the ground for any breach of the regulations. The club may, at its absolute discretion, bar such a person from the ground for any period.
- e. At its absolute discretion, to alter these Ground Regulations from time to time. Such alterations shall be announced in the manner the Club considers most appropriate.

### 12) Anti-corruption:

- a) Under no circumstances may any person at the ground use a mobile telephone or other kind of communication device to communicate or in any way transmit any form of commentary, data or other material in relation to a cricket match taking place at the ground for any kind of improper betting or other corrupt or unlawful purpose
- b) Any person who is reasonably suspected by the Club (or its appointed nominees), of acting in breach of this provision unconditionally accepts and agrees that he/she will cooperate with any enquires made by the Club (or its appointed nominees), including providing his/her name and address, an explanation for his/her suspicious conduct, and/or agreeing that he/she may be photographed and/or filmed by the Club (or its appointed nominees). The person accepts that any such names, addresses, photographs and films may be shared between each of the ECB, all the other first class counties, relevant official cricket authorities and any relevant police and crime prevention authorities, for the purposes of any criminal investigations or proceedings, in connection with any investigation into a potential breach of domestic or international cricket anti-corruption rules and/or to enable the ECB and the other first class counties to give reciprocal effect to any ban on entry which is subsequently imposed by the Club. Personal data collected under this provision will be processed in accordance with the Data Protection Act 2018
- c) Any person who is reasonably suspected to be in breach of this provision accepts that he/she may be immediately ejected from the ground (without any financial or other compensation) and prohibited from entering the ground and any other cricket ground under the control of either the ECB or any first class county for life or such other period of time as the Club deems appropriate in its sole and absolute discretion.

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