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FLAGS, BANNERS AND SURFERS
ADVICE FOR VISITORS TO THE STADIUM

Introduction

The Liberty Stadium has a commitment to protect supporters whilst also providing the best possible match day experience. We know that many supporters like to display banners and flags when visiting the stadium and our aim is to be as accommodating as possible whilst ensuring everyone's safety.

For their own safety, and that of others, fans should adhere to the following policy regarding banners and flags:

1. General

1.1 The Liberty Stadium reserves the right to refuse to allow flags, surfers or banners to be displayed particularly if content is considered to be offensive, discriminatory, defamatory or inflammatory.

1.2 Any item that the Liberty Stadium or any of its employees believe could potentially be used as a weapon and/or compromise public safety is strictly prohibited and will be confiscated.

1.3 The Liberty Stadium reserves the right to change this policy as it deems fit or as required by the local authority, the Liberty Stadium Flag Consultant, the Sports Ground Safety Authority (SGSA) or any other body that helps to determine the safety of spectators at the Liberty Stadium.

1.4 Whilst the Liberty Stadium endeavours to take good care of banners and surfers that are brought into the stadium, it accepts no responsibility for any loss or damage that may occur at any time.

1.5 Confiscated items cannot be returned – they are given up as a condition of entry.

1.6 Flags, banners, and surfers displayed directly by the Liberty Stadium Management Company Ltd, Swansea City Football Club and Ospreys Rugby are not subject to the regulations within this policy as they are subject to tighter internal scrutiny.

2. Flagpoles

2.1 Flagpoles no more than 7mm in diameter and 1 metre in length are permitted subject to section 1.2

2.2 Flagpole should be wood or plastic. Metal flagpoles are not permitted.

2.3 Supporters wishing to introduce flags on poles longer than 1 metre must contact the club in advance via email to m.daniel@liberty-stadium.com.

2.4 Subject to advance agreement with the Liberty Stadium, flags on poles exceeding 1 metre may be waved prior to kick-off but must not obstruct the views of others and under no circumstances are to be waved after kickoff.

3. Flags

3.1 Flags should be no bigger than 150cm in depth or width. Anything above these measurements will be classed as a banner.

3.2 Flags should be presented to stewards prior to entry to the stadium where they will be inspected and approved prior to entry.

3.3 The Liberty Stadium reserves the right to confiscate any flags brought into the stadium without being approved prior to entry. The Liberty Stadium reserves the right to ask supporters to refrain from waving flags in certain circumstances.

4. Banners

4.1 Materials measuring more than 150cm will be considered as banners.

4.2 All banners must meet or exceed British Standard BS5867 type B (or equivalent Fire Retardant Standards DIN 4102-1 B1 or ISO 6941) and a certificate to this effect must be produced. Proof of certification may be required whenever they are brought into the stadium.

4.3 On occasion, where a designated sterile area (e.g. empty block of seats) is available within the Liberty

Stadium; it may be possible for banners to be placed in the sterile area. Permission to do so must first be obtained from the Liberty Stadium in advance via email to m.daniel@liberty-stadium.com or, in circumstances where this is not possible, by a senior steward prior to entry on a match day.

4.4 Banners will not be allowed where they may block advertising, signage, exit routes, restrict the views of other supporters or in any way compromise the safe operation of the stadium. It is the responsibility of supporters who bring flags, banners and surfers into the stadium to ensure they are securely fastened at all times.

4.5 The Liberty Stadium reserves the right to remove any articles that have not been appropriately secured or become loose during a match.

5. Surfers

5.1 Surfers (banners larger than 250cm and/or intended to be passed over supporters' heads before a match) should be kept on site at the Liberty Stadium and issued to supporters on match days.

5.2 Any such surfers should be handed to stewards or taken to a designated area immediately after use.

5.3 The use of surfers or surfer-style banners designed to be passed over supporters' heads, will not be allowed after kick-off.

5.4 Supporters wishing to introduce new surfers and banners must contact the Liberty Stadium in advance via email to m.daniel@liberty-stadium.com

5.5 The banner/surfer must be presented to the Liberty Stadium at least three working days before match day with the appropriate fire certificate. The banner/surfer must also be presented prior to entry to the stadium where it will be inspected by a senior steward.

5.6 Any surfers or banners brought into the stadium without being approved by the Liberty Stadium will be confiscated.

5.6 All surfers must meet or exceed British Standard BS5867 type B (or equivalent Fire Retardant Standards DIN 4102-1 B1 or ISO 6941) and a certificate to this effect must be produced.

5.7 A register of banners and surfers which meet fire safety criteria will be kept by Operations Manager, Swansea Stadium Management Company Limited. A copy will be given to the Safety Officer to assist stewards in assessing approved articles.

6. Certificates of Fire Retardant Compliance

6.1 Certificates of Fire Retardant Compliance should:

6.1.1 State the Fire Retardant Standard to which the flag, banner, or surfer complies (British Standard BS5867 type B or DIN 4102-1 B1 or ISO 6941).

6.1.2 Bear a colour image and text description of the flag to which the certificate refers.

6.1.3 Bear a unique certificate reference number and manufacturer contact details.

6.1.4 Be signed by a named officer of the issuing organisation.

Further Information

If you require further information on fire retardant standards and certification relating to flags, banners and surfers at the Liberty Stadium, or if you need advice on the status of a flag you already own, or if you want to check that a flag or flagpole you intend to purchase meets Liberty Stadium regulations please contact charles.ashburner@hotmail.co.uk

Alternatively you may write to,

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