

FOOTBALL SUPPORTERS' FEDERATION

FOOTBALL FANS' PARLIAMENT 2010 – WEMBLEY STADIUM

DRAFT AMENDMENTS TO THE FSF *FANS' BLUEPRINT FOR FOOTBALL*

Clause 7 – Ground Moves/Sales

Current:

7 The development of clear legally enforceable rules to prevent clubs selling or moving from grounds without the explicit prior agreement of their supporters and another ground being developed on a site acceptable to the fans of that club. Consultation on such moves shall be by properly supervised secret ballot after a period of debate and discussion amongst all stakeholders in the club including fans. Those eligible to vote and other matters associated with such consultation to be set out in an enforceable code of conduct covering proposed ground moves.

Proposed new clause:

7 The development of clear enforceable rules in league and association rules to prevent clubs selling to a third party including another “group” or subsidiary company their registered stadium/ground (where that club currently owns same) and/or moving to a new ground without the explicit agreement of a clear majority of that club’s supporters. The procedures for supporter consent to ground moves and/or sales to be set out in an enforceable code of conduct on ground sales/moves.

Clause 8 – Safe Standing

Current:

8 The Government to permit safe standing areas at stadia where clubs and their supporters so wish.

Proposed new clause

8. The Government to permit safe standing, including standing in formally seated areas, where their clubs and supporters so wish in all professional football divisions in England & Wales.

Clause 9 – Fixture Changes

Current:

9 A reduction to constant fixture changes to suit television or policing.

Proposed new clause:

9 Clear rules governing minimum notice periods and compensation/refunds (for both home and visiting supporters) for fixture changes whether initiated by broadcasters, the police or involvement of competing clubs in other competitions.

Clause 12 – Structure of the Domestic Season

Current:

12 A comprehensive review of the structure of all domestic league and cup competitions and the structure of the season involving supporters at every stage.

Proposed new clause

12. A comprehensive review of the structure of all domestic league and cup competitions involving supporters at every stage, including cup replays, play-offs, “neutral site” or overseas games in domestic competitions, mid-season break, length of close season and size of leagues.

Clause 13 – European and International Competitions

Current:

13 Consultation with supporters on the structure of all European and international club and national team competitions and how they relate to domestic competitions.

Proposed new clause:

13 Working with the FSF’s partners in Football Supporters Europe (FSE) consultation on the structure of all European and international club and national team competitions and how they relate to domestic competitions.

Clause 14 – Racism

Current:

14 Involvement of supporters in initiatives to combat racism on the field and in the stands.

Proposed new clause:

14 Involvement of supporters in initiatives to combat all forms of discrimination and to promote equality and diversity on the field and in the stands.

Clause 15 – Ticket Allocations/Pricing

Current:

15 An end to discriminatory treatment of away supporters in terms of ticket prices and allocations in both domestic and international competitions and club levels.

Proposed new clause:

15 An end to any form of discriminatory treatment in the pricing of visiting supporters' ticket allocations for all domestic and European competitions. A "new deal" for supporters' allocations for European and international tournaments, working with our partners in FSE.

Clause 18 – Younger/Older Supporters' Ticket Price Discounts

Current:

18 Discount ticket prices for younger and retired supporters with national standards on age criteria.

Proposed new clause

18 The promotion of best practice in the application of discounted ticket prices for younger, older and unemployed supporters.

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