

# STADIUM REGULATIONS

**Bayer 04 Leverkusen Fußball GmbH, exercising its house and organisational rights as owner and user, issues the following usage regulations:**

## § 1 Scope of application

These regulations serve the orderly usage and ensure the safety in the area of the fenced premises between Bismarckstraße, Stelzenautobahn and Dhünn in Leverkusen. This property contains the stadium of Bayer 04 Leverkusen Fußball GmbH, the BayArena.

## § 2 Dedication

(1) The stadium is mainly used for soccer games. Also non-athletic events may be permitted and held.

(2) A claim for the general public to use the stadium and the associated facilities only exists in the context of the purpose mentioned in (1).

## § 3 Access

(1) If an event takes place in the stadium area, access and remaining in the spectator area is only permitted to persons holding a valid ticket or other authority or who are able to prove their access authority for this event in another way.

(2) Persons under the age of 14 are only permitted to access the stadium in the company of a person of legal age subject to supervision.

(3) Only persons who have legitimately acquired the ticket are authorised to access. Transferring of tickets is only permitted to known persons. The selling on of tickets via Internet is not permitted. §§ 5 and 7 of the General Terms and Conditions (AGB) of Bayer 04 Leverkusen Fußball GmbH for the purchase of tickets apply.

(4) Spectators have to occupy the seat stipulated on the ticket for the respective event. The ticket becomes invalid upon exiting the stadium area; this also applies to the owners of season tickets with respect to access authority at the specific game day.

(5) The north-curve of the BayArena (sectors C, D and E) is set aside for home fans. It is prohibited to remain in this sector as guest fan. The control and security service (hereinafter referred to as KSD) is instructed and authorised to remove spectators which are discernible as guest fans or who are conspicuous due to their behaviour even if they have a valid ticket for this sector, whereby – if possible in individual cases – they may be allocated another seat in the BayArena. If another suitable seat cannot be provided, the respective guest fan will be relegated from the stadium or will be refused access to the stadium.

(6) The special regulations of Bayer 04 Leverkusen Fußball GmbH apply to access to the stadium area on event-free days.

(7) To ensure the safety of visitors and to avert possible dangers there is video surveillance in the area surrounding the BayArena.

## § 4 Entry controls

(1) Each visitor is obligated to present their ticket or authority pass to the police or KSD when entering the stadium area and within the stadium and to hand it over on demand. KSD is authorised to verify the identity of the visitors by examining ID documentation issued by the authorities (passport etc.). Persons who do not consent to a search or verification of identity may be rejected during the visitor check and prevented from entering the BayArena.

(2) KSD is authorised to search persons – also with the aid of technical devices – to determine if they represent a security risk due to the consumption of drugs or alcohol or the carrying of weapons or dangerous or pyrotechnics. The search extends to items carried and is only permitted with the consent of the affected person. Persons who do not consent to a search are prevented from entering the BayArena. If required, separate rooms are available for searches.

(3) Persons who are unable to verify their entry authority and persons representing a security risk will be refused entry and prevented from entering the stadium. This also applies to persons against whom a federally applicable or stadium-specific entry ban has been issued and for visitors who refuse an examination according to (2).

(4) Rejected persons are not entitled to a refund of the admission fee!

## § 5 Conduct in the stadium

(1) Each visitor has to conduct themselves within the stadium area in a manner that no other person is harmed, endangered or – no more than avoidable according to the circumstances – impaired or harassed.

(2) Bayer 04 Leverkusen Fußball GmbH stands for a cosmopolitan, tolerant soccer culture and is therefore explicitly against the discrimination of third parties based on their race, their gender or language, their ethnic background, their religion or philosophy, their age, disability or sexual identity.

(3) Visitors have to obey the directives of the police, the fire department, the control and security service, the rescue service and the stadium announcer.

(4) For security reasons and to prevent danger, visitors are obligated to also occupy seats other than those stipulated on their ticket – also in other sectors – at the behest of the police or the control and security services.

(5) The Club reserves the right to allocate another comparable seat to the visitor also for other factual reasons for which the Club is not responsible.

(6) All entries and exits as well as emergency exits have to be kept clear under any circumstances.

(7) Regardless of these stadium regulations, further necessary directions may be issued in individual cases to prevent or redress any risks for life, health or property. Directions issued by the persons mentioned in § 4 (1) for these purposes have to be complied with.

## § 6 Prohibitions

(1) Visitors are not allowed to carry the following items within the stadium:

(a) racist, xenophobic, incendiary, discriminatory as well as right and/or left wing radical propaganda material; the same applies for clothing with writing or symbols depicting racist, xenophobic, pro-violence, discriminatory as well as right and/or left wing radical tendencies or right wing propaganda. The wearing of clothing or carrying of banners and/or posters with the writing A.C.A.B. as well as All Cops Are Bastards is viewed as particularly discriminatory.

(b) Bayer 04 Leverkusen Fußball GmbH sets clear signals against the right wing. In particular, spectators wearing clothing of „Thor Steinar“ are refused entry to the BayArena. With these measures, which have already been instigated by other clubs, Bayer 04 Leverkusen Fußball GmbH would like to emphasise that the Club clearly distances itself from these visitors who introduce right-wing ideas – encrypted or openly – to the BayArena.

(c) soliciting, commercial, political or religious objects of any kind including banners, signs, symbols or leaflets;

(d) weapons of any kind, such as batons, stabbing weapons, sharp weapons and firearms and similar dangerous objects;

(e) projectiles;

(f) laser pointer;

(g) gas spray cans, caustic or staining substances;

(h) glass containers, bottles of any type, cups, jugs and cans made of fragile, splintering or particularly hard material;

(i) unwieldy objects such as ladders, stools, chairs, boxes, suitcases, Rucksacks and large bags, bigger than an A4 page;

(j) fireworks, rockets, Bengal lights, smoke powder and other pyrotechnical objects;

(k) flagpoles or banner poles longer than 1.5 m or with a diameter greater than 3 cm;

(l) alcoholic beverages and drugs of any kind;

(m) animals;

(n) mechanically operated noise instruments such as megaphones and air horns;

(o) video cameras;

(p) flammable or combustible materials;

(q) objects which are suitable and intended to prevent identification. The use of any means which prevent identification, especially any type of masking.

(2) Visitors are, furthermore, not allowed:

(a) to utter or spread racist, xenophobic, pro-violence, discriminatory as well as right and/or left wing radical

statements; in any way publicly violate the dignity of another person – particularly the players, trainers, referees,

referee assistants, other officials and spectators – through derogatory, discriminatory or disparaging statements, songs, slogans or in any other way

(e.g. by unrolling banners) pertaining to their race, gender, language, religion or origin or to otherwise conduct themselves in a racist and/or cruel manner;

(b) to enter, mount or climb over constructions and facilities, particularly facades, fences, walls, playing field boundaries, barriers, lighting facilities, TV and camera stands, trees, planted areas, roofs as well as poles of any kind;

(c) to enter areas to which spectators are not permitted entry such as the playing field, the interior area, the function rooms;

(d) to throw objects of any kind;

(e) to start a fire, pyrotechnics of any kind, especially fireworks, flares, smoke pots, magnesium torches, sparklers, Bengal fire or to light or launch pyrotechnics

or to support any actions or actions leading to such actions or to encourage others to take such actions or in any way make such actions possible, for example,

by preventing visibility by shielding such actions with banners or flags.

(f) to paint on, write on or paste things to structural facilities, installations, buildings, paths and trees;

(g) to relieve themselves outside the designated facilities and to contaminate the stadium area in any other way, particularly by discarding items;

(h) to use personal WLAN transmitters;

(i) without the permission of Bayer 04 Leverkusen Fußball GmbH

– to drive within the stadium area with vehicles of any type;

– to sell goods (in particular; drinks, food, souvenirs, clothing, fan articles and/or other commercial items), newspapers, magazines and tickets) or to distribute advertising material, samples or brochures;

– to make announcements about topics which are not game-related, e.g. political, religious or other statements with the usage of flags, banners or other media;

– to conduct collections of any kind.

(3) Smoking is absolutely prohibited in the interior of the stadium, particularly in the stands and the Bayer 04 VIP areas. Smoking is only permitted in the

wrap-around area as well as the specially designated smoking areas. The respective organiser decides about the ban on smoking

in the boxes and sky-boxes of the sponsors.

(4) Without prior consent of Bayer 04 Leverkusen Fußball GmbH ticket owners are not permitted to record sound, image, descriptions or results of the event

(except for private purposes) or to transmit or distribute them completely or partially by internet or other media (including mobile phone) or to support other

persons in such activities. Devices or facilities which may be used for such purposes may not be introduced to the stadium without the prior consent of

Bayer 04 Leverkusen Fußball GmbH. Photos and images which are generated by a ticket holder during a game may only be utilised for private purposes. Any

commercial usage, regardless of the type and by whom, requires the prior written consent of Bayer 04 Leverkusen Fußball GmbH.

## § 7 Liability

(1) Visiting the stadium occurs at the risk of the visitor. Bayer 04 Leverkusen Fußball GmbH is not liable for personal and property damages caused by third parties.

(2) Accidents and damages have to be reported to Bayer 04 Leverkusen Fußball GmbH without undue delay.

## § 8 Violations

(1) Persons violating the directions of these usage regulations may be relegated from the stadium without compensation or refund of the admission fee. This also applies to persons under the influence of alcohol or drugs or other intoxicating substances who behave violently or against public policy or raise concern in terms of such conduct.

(2) People who impair or jeopardise the security and order of the event with their conduct within or outside of the stadium in connection with an event may be prohibited from entering the stadium for up to 10 years. This entry ban may be limited to the BayArena based on the the relativity principle or may be issued nationwide.

(3) Any unauthorised access to the interior or the playing field (§ 6 (2) c) is subject to a criminal prosecution based on trespassing according to § 123 Penal Code.

(4) If compensation claims or pecuniary penalties are asserted against Bayer 04 Leverkusen Fußball GmbH based on visitors violating these stadium

regulations by associations, particularly FIFA, UEFA, DFB, DFL or other third parties, the visitor violating the regulations is liable for recourse.

(5) Insofar as the stadium rules are violated by several people acting together, these active parties are jointly and severally liable to pay damages defined in § 421 BGB (German Civil Code). The same applies to spectators who aid and abet such violations of the stadium rules by third parties.

(6) A complaint may be lodged if it is suspected that the persons have committed a criminal offence or an infringement.

(7) Illegally carried items are confiscated and – if not required as evidence for criminal investigation – returned following the cessation of the security conditions.

(8) These stadium regulations for the BayArena enter into force upon access to the stadium premises. With the purchase of the ticket or authorisation card visitors accept the usage regulations of the stadium rules for the BayArena as binding.

## § 9 Determination of stadium bans

Stadium bans are issued promptly in case of acts impairing the security of the stadium. This generally occurs at the initiation of an investigation of the act.

The affected person has the opportunity to make a statement which should be submitted in writing to the safety representative of

Bayer 04 Leverkusen Fußball GmbH. If the statement is submitted prior to the determination of a stadium ban, it is taken into account in the decision.

Otherwise, the statement may be submitted within 2 weeks following the receipt of the stadium ban. The determination of the stadium ban is then

reexamined under consideration of the statement and the available findings and may lead to the revocation or reduction of the stadium ban given new

evidence. The DFB guidelines regarding the uniform treatment of stadium bans apply.

## Bayer 04 Leverkusen Fußball GmbH

### Management

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