

# Stadium Rules

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## Preamble

The SOCCA World Cup will be held in Essen in 2023. For the 44 participating nations, a temporary stadium will be erected on Kennedyplatz, which will hold approximately 3,000 spectators.

The stadium regulations, which are to be understood as house rules, are presented below.

The owner of the house rules is Sport for Change gGmbH as the building owner and organizer of the SOCCA World Cup. The rights of the police and regulatory authorities based on existing laws remain unaffected.

## §1 Area of application

### §1.1 Locations

The stadium regulations serve the regulated use and order in the area of the stadium and all ancillary buildings on Kennedyplatz/Essen, as well as the warm-up area, the so-called Player's Corner on Salzmarkt/Essen and in parts in the FanVillage on Kettwiger Straße/Essen.

### §1.2 Period

The Stadium Regulations shall apply in particular during the tournament from 02.06.2023 to 11.06.2023 as well as during the special event on 1.06.2023. Furthermore, the entire set-up phase, starting on 16.05.2023, and the dismantling phase, ending no later than 20.06.2023 or with the removal of the last components.

## §2 Stay

### §2.1 Public grandstand

Admission to the Stadium is free and thus persons who have been granted admission by the security forces may stay in the stands during the opening hours.

#### §2.1.1 Capacity

The number of people allowed to be in the stands is limited to the number of seats available. Excess persons will be instructed by security personnel to leave the grandstand if necessary. In the event of foreseeable overcrowding, admission will be interrupted and the stairways blocked until the situation has changed.

### **§2.1.2 Security notice**

It is pointed out, however, that balls could land on the stands in the stadium. Safety nets have been installed for this purpose, especially behind the goals. Nevertheless, it should be noted that there can be no 100% protection and balls may cause serious head injuries, especially to children. The risk is borne by the person watching the game or the parent or guardian. It is advisable to observe the course of the game at all times in order to be able to avoid a ball if necessary. Persons looking after small children in particular should choose a place in the stands that is as low-risk as possible (e.g. directly behind the safety net), especially to avoid direct shots.

### **§2.2 Restricted access grandstand area**

The entrance on the west side of the stadium is only allowed for visitors with access authorization. This will be checked at the entrance by security personnel. These groups are roughly divided into international delegations, employees, VIPs and journalists.

### **§2.3 Access: Player's Corner (Salt Market)**

Access is restricted to persons with access authorization. This group mainly includes players and coaches, as well as referees and employees of the organizer, and journalists.

### **§2.4 Access: Fan Village (Kettwiger Straße)**

There are no access restrictions here, as this is located in a public area.

## **§3 Entrance control**

There is no basic control situation at the entrance. The security staff will carry out visual checks. In bags, especially larger ones, the security staff can make use of the domiciliary right on behalf of the owner and demand inspection.

If there is a suspicion that persons are carrying prohibited items on their bodies, a pat-down may also take place. Female security personnel are also available for female guests for this purpose.

### **§3.1 Prohibited objects**

Security personnel are entitled to examine persons, also by using technical aids, to determine whether they pose a security risk due to alcohol or drug consumption, or because they are carrying weapons, or dangerous or flammable objects. The examinations shall also extend to objects carried on board.

It is also prohibited to throw objects of any kind or nature - especially in the direction of the playing field.

- Glass bottles and similar objects
- Weapons of any kind, as well as other dangerous objects, which are also capable of causing or causing injuries
- Objects that can be used as weapons or projectiles;

- Bulky objects, such as ladders, stools, chairs, boxes, etc.
- Torches, fireworks, flares, smoke candles, Bengal fires and other pyrotechnic objects
- laser pointers
- Gas sprays, corrosive or coloring substances;
- Mechanically and electrically operated noise instruments
- Flagpoles or banners that are excessive in relation to the stands, thereby endangering safety and/or obstructing vision
- Discriminatory propaganda material (may include posters, but also other items or clothing)
- Fan paraphernalia that is used to provoke others
- Carrying objects that are suitable and, under the circumstances, intended to prevent identification (ban on mummery)
- All items that the security personnel deem to be a threat to security in the stands.

### **§3.2 Admission ban**

Persons who pose a security risk are to be turned away and prevented from entering the stadium.

#### **§3.2.1 Excluded groups of persons**

The owner of the stadium expressly opposes any form of discrimination. This applies in particular to verbal or physical violence against supposedly weaker groups of people. Persons who give the impression through their behavior, appearance or banners that they do not share the same values will be denied entry to the stadium or will be removed from the stands afterwards.

Persons with national or international stadium bans are not allowed to enter the stadium.

#### **§3.2.2 Animals**

It is generally forbidden to bring animals into the stadium. However, there is an exception for dogs. In this case, the security service decides on a situational basis. However, care should be taken to ensure the integrity of the animal, as loud noises and large numbers of people can lead to an exceptional state of health. For damage caused by the animal, the accompanying person is liable.

### **§4 Conduct in the stadium**

Within the stadium facility, visitors must behave in such a way that others are not harmed, endangered or obstructed or inconvenienced more than is avoidable under the circumstances. This also applies to obstructions of vision, gross contamination and vandalism.

Discriminatory gestures and remarks of any kind are prohibited.

It is not permitted to climb on or over structures and facilities of the stadium and all other areas used by the organizer that are not intended for this purpose. Entering areas that are not open to visitors (e.g. the playing field, the interior, the function rooms).

#### **§4.1 Authorized persons**

Visitors must obey the instructions of the police, fire department, security and emergency services, as well as stadium announcements.

#### **§4.2 Zones to be kept clear**

Exits and exits, traffic, escape and rescue routes must be kept clear.

#### **§4.3 Video surveillance**

For safety reasons and to avert danger, the stadium may be video-monitored by the owner.

#### **§4.4 Dangerous behavior**

The security staff is authorized to prevent dangerous behavior in the stadium at its own discretion. Initially, by means of notices. In the most extreme case also with the expulsion from the stadium.

### **§5 Offences**

Anyone who intentionally or negligently violates the provisions of these stadium regulations may be expelled from the stadium and the surrounding area without compensation. The same applies to persons who are recognizably under the influence of alcohol or drugs.

A stadium ban may be imposed on persons who violate the stadium regulations through their behavior inside or outside the stadium facility in connection with an event.

If there is a suspicion of a criminal act or other administrative offense, charges may be filed.

#### **§5.1 Prohibited items brought into the stadium**

Prohibited items carried will not be seized they are necessary for a criminal investigation. If prohibited items are discovered by security personnel, the person carrying the item can either dispose of it in a container provided for this purpose or must leave the stadium or be denied access.

### **§6 Liability**

The liability of the organizer and its legal representatives for damages and injuries to life, body or health, as well as the liability according to the product liability law, is not limited by these stadium regulations.

The liability of the organizer for other damages not mentioned in paragraph 1 is excluded, unless the damages are based on

- intentional or grossly negligent breach of duty by the organizer and its legal representatives.

The exemption from liability according to paragraphs 1 and 2 shall also apply to the liability of the organizer's vicarious agents and legal representatives.

Accidents or damages are to be reported to the organizer immediately.

The organizer assumes no liability for theft of items brought along (clothing, bags, etc.).

## **§7 Security and Steward Service**

The organizer shall deploy an appropriate security and steward service as soon as the stadium is opened, within the framework of the specifications of the City of Essen.

The personnel will be instructed by the organizer.

## **§8 Image and Sound Recordings**

Each visitor to the stadium and its associated areas agrees that the organizer is entitled, within the scope of the event and without being obligated to pay any remuneration, to make picture and sound recordings of the visitors and/or to have them made by third parties, to reproduce these recordings, to use them for advertising purposes, to store them, to broadcast them and to use them in any audiovisual media and/or to have them reproduced, broadcast and used by third parties.

### **§8.1 Period**

The rights of the organizer from para.1 are valid for an unlimited period of time and worldwide.

## **§9 Player's Corner (Salt Market)**

This area is restricted. All regulations, e.g. regarding behavior or authority to give instructions, which apply to the stadium, also apply here.

## **§10 Fan Village (Kettwiger Straße)**

This area has no access restrictions in principle, as it is located in a publicly accessible part of the city. The security staff of the organizer:in has the authority to ensure security and smooth operation at the stands set up.

Persons who behave inappropriately may be removed from the stands. In principle, however, the police is responsible for ensuring compliance with applicable law.

## **§11 Shelter**

In order to prevent or reduce violence against weaker persons, the entrance on the west side of the stadium is available as a protected zone. The staff there will decide on the further procedure. In particular, children/youth, women and those in need of protection can report here in the event of

imminent or perceived danger and receive short-term support here. If necessary, the police can also be called in from here.

If visitors find unaccompanied children in the stadium area who need assistance in reuniting with caregivers, they may be brought here.

## **§12 Construction site**

Since the stadium, the administration area at the west entrance, the Player's Corner and the Fan Village are temporary structures, the stadium regulations must also include the construction and dismantling periods.

### **§12.1 Construction**

Construction shall begin with the first delivery, but no later than May 17, 2023, and shall end with the first opening to visitors.

### **§12.2 Dismantling**

This begins after the conclusion of the event and ends with the removal of the last materials. At the latest by 20.06.2023.

### **§12.3 Powers**

During the periods specified in §11.1 and §11.2, numerous trucks will be delivering and removing materials. Areas secured or marked by construction fences or similar objects shall be deemed to be the area of authority of the organizer. Security personnel as well as persons authorized to represent the organizer shall remove from the area any unauthorized persons who endanger either the safety or the course of the work.

### **§12.4 Prohibition**

Unauthorized persons are not permitted to enter cordoned-off areas.

## **§13 Exceptions**

Exceptions can only be made by the organizer.

Permanent changes will be published on the website of the organizer [www.essen2023.com](http://www.essen2023.com).

## **§14 Final provision**

These stadium regulations come into force with the start of the set-up work.