



These Ground Safety Changes are MANDATORY and brought in as part of our Council inspections. We are aware for many of you, you may not see the point as we've never had issues before, however, we need to follow these new rules so we can continue providing a safe environment for rugby at Heywood Road.

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President

Sale FC Rugby

- We have a new Ground Safety Officer (Darren Gregory) to implement and oversee Ground Safety Changes that are now mandatory requirements from The Sports Ground Safety Authority.
- There will be a visible increase in Stewards to ensure the safety of spectators.
- We ask that all members and visitors make themselves aware of the new regulations (signage in place) and respect the requests of the Stewarding team. We also ask that any issues be reported to a Steward who will then inform the Ground Safety Officer.

The main changes are:

- No vehicle access on site, other than staff, Executive members (home & away), volunteers and blue badge holders. Players to continue to park on the Birtles car park.
- No standing in front of the Richard Trickey Stand. This area is for seating only.
- The Richard Trickey Stand is to be cleared and locked 1 hour after the final whistle.
- No congregating in front of the main entrance and the entrance/exit for Smithy's Bar.
- A 1.5 metre walkway needs to be left between the main buildings and the pitch side barrier.
- Bicycles must not be taken into the ground area. Designated areas have been provided at both sides of the ground. Details can be found from the gate stewards.
- Random bag checks may be carried out and your understanding would be appreciated.
- Increased signage that must be observed.

These changes are in addition to our existing requirements of:

- No bottles or glasses to be taken outside of the bar areas (including the balcony).
- Plastic glasses to be used in Smithy's Bar until 1 hour after final whistle.
- All walkways and exits to remain clear of obstruction.

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