Stadium Regulations

Stadtwerke Bietigheim-Bissingen GmbH (municipal utilities in Bietigheim-Bissingen) runs the EgeTrans Arena. In the regulations to follow, Stadtwerke Bietigheim-Bissingen is referred to as “host”. When entering the stadium and/or driving into the facilities with a car, the visitor agrees with the Stadium Regulations.

§1 Your stay in the stadium

1. Entry into the stadium and facilities shall only be granted to persons in possession of a valid entry ticket or those who can supply some other proof of their right to enter the stadium for a certain event. In the area of the stadium, entry tickets and entry permission must be shown to the police and security staff on request.

2. Spectators shall take the place, seat or the area of the standing room stated on the corresponding ticket or other form of entry permission for the event or the place assigned to by security staff. When leaving the area of the stadium, the ticket loses its validity. This regulation also applies to holders of an annual-season ticket regarding the permission to enter the area on a specific match day.

There is however an exception: in order to keep the validity of the ticket on a specific match day, the scanners have to be used before leaving the stadium.

3. On days without events, a stay in the stadium needs the approval of the host.

4. For security reasons and to prevent danger, the entire area of the stadium is under CCTV surveillance.

§2 Entry control

1. Each visitor shall present his or her entry ticket or entry permission to the security staff on entering the stadium and/or facilities unrequested, and shall submit the entry ticket or permission for verification.

2. The security staff is authorised to search visitors for the use of alcohol or narcotics, carrying firearms or objects that are dangerous or may cause fire, thus representing a safety risk. Technical equipment may be used in the search. This search shall extend to any objects brought by the visitor.

3. Persons that fail to prove their right to enter the stadium or facilities, violate the prohibitions of these Stadium Regulations, and/or represent a safety risk, shall be turned back and refused entry to the stadium. This shall also apply to persons banned from other stadiums within the Federal Republic of Germany and to visitors refusing the proceeding as described in (2).

4. Visitors refused entry shall not be entitled to a refund on the price of the ticket.
§3 Behavior in the stadium

(1) Each visitor inside the stadium shall behave in such a way as not to harm or endanger others, or unnecessarily cause a nuisance or hindrance to others over and above that inevitable due to circumstances.

(2) Each visitor shall follow any instructions given by the police, fire services, security and rescue services, event management, safety officer or stadium speaker.

(3) For security reasons and to prevent danger, visitors shall follow the instructions given by the police, security staff or the stadium speaker and if necessary take different seats than indicated on the ticket. In this case, visitors are not entitled to a refund on the price of the ticket.

(4) All entrances and exits, escape routes and escape doors shall be kept free from obstruction.

§4 Prohibitions

In the stadium smoking is prohibited!

1. Visitors to the stadium shall not be permitted to possess or use the following objects:
   a) Political propaganda material – unless a written consent has been granted by the host – as well as symbols not referring to sports;
   b) Weapons of any type, as well as any pocketknives;
   c) Objects that may be used as weapons or projectiles;
   d) Laser Pointers;
   e) Gas spray cans, corrosives, flammables, or dyes, or containers of substances that impair health;
   f) Glass vessels, bottles cups, mugs, cans or other objects made of materials that may easily break or shatter, or are particularly hard, thermos jugs as well as beverage packaging of any kind;
   g) Bulky items such as ladders, stools, chairs, crates, suitcases;
   h) Torches, flares, sparklers, fireworks, smoke powder, smoke bombs, smoke pots, smoke torches or other pyrotechnical objects, including the corresponding launching equipment;
   i) Flag or banner poles made of wood and those with more than two metre in length or three centimetres in thickness;
   j) Alcohol and drugs of any kind;
   k) Animals;
   l) Mechanical instruments operated to create loud noise.

2. The following shall be prohibited in the stadium or facilities:
   a) Slogans liable to prosecution;
   b) Statements, gestures and/ or outward appearance which is according to type and content apparently used for the defame of third parties;
   c) Violations of human dignity, especially that of players, coaches, referees, their assistants, officials and other visitors by derogatory, discriminating or denigratory slogans, chants etc. in respect to ethical origin, skin colour, language, religion or in other ways racist behaviour;
d) Climbing onto or over facilities not intended for public use such as building fronts, fences, walls, pitch barriers, other barriers, camera stands, trees, pylons of any type, or roofs;
e) Entering areas not open to visitors such as the playing area, interior and utility areas;
f) Throwing objects of any type;
g) Setting fire or any other pyrotechnic articles including fireworks;
h) Writing, drawing or posting on buildings, facilities or pathways;
i) Driving or riding on the pathways and open spaces without special permission to do so and commercial activities, selling or distributing newspapers, magazines, printed materials, advertising materials or similar without the written permission of the host;
j) Urinating inside the stadium outside the toilets, or otherwise polluting the stadium in particular by casting off objects with refuse.

§5 Liability

Visitors shall enter and use the stadium and/or facilities at their own risk. The host is liable – including those due to the constructional condition of the stadium and remodelling – for personal and property damage only if they or the performing agent / vicarious agent are liable and only if they intentionally performed the act or if gross negligence applies unless contractual cardinal obligations are affected.

§6 Violations

(1) Persons in violation of the Stadium Regulations may be refused entry to the stadium, or expelled from the stadium without compensation. The same shall apply to persons recognisably under the influence of alcohol or narcotics.

(2) Persons that endanger the safety or order of an event due to their behaviour inside or outside the stadium during an event may be banned from the stadium without compensation. In case of a stadium ban based on a visitor’s culpable conduct there will be no compensation. This also applies to annual-season tickets.

(3) Suspicion of criminal activity or misdemeanour may lead to prosecution.

(4) Prohibited objects carried shall be confiscated if needed for criminal proceedings. Visitors carrying prohibited objects do however have the choice to either leave the stadium with these items or hand it over to the stadium staff so that they shall be destroyed. In the latter case, the visitor has no right to reclaim these objects.

(5) The host reserves the right to exercise further rights based on the domestic authority.

§7 Effective date

These Stadium Regulations are coming into effect on December 1st 2012.