

Blackpool Council



BLACKPOOL FOOTBALL
CLUB

SPECIAL SAFETY CERTIFICATE

NEIL DIAMOND CONCERT

23rd JULY 2015

SAFETY OF SPORTS GROUNDS
ACT 1975

Special Safety Certificate 23rd July 2015

BLACKPOOL COUNCIL

SAFETY OF SPORTS GROUNDS ACT 1975 - AS AMENDED

SPECIAL SAFETY CERTIFICATE

Address of the Sports Ground for
which this Certificate is issued

Blackpool Football Club
Bloomfield Road, Blackpool

Certificate Holder

Blackpool Football Club Ltd

In accordance with Section 1 (3) and (4) of the above Act, the Blackpool Council hereby issue to Blackpool Football Club Limited this Special Safety Certificate for the above Sports Ground which has been designated by Order as a Sports Ground requiring a General Safety Certificate.

The terms and conditions hereby imposed are such as the Blackpool Council consider necessary or expedient to secure the reasonable safety of spectators present at the Sports Ground for the purpose of viewing a Specific Activity.

Whilst in force, the effect of this Certificate is to permit the admission of spectators to the Sports Ground solely for the purpose of viewing a music concert dated the 23rd July 2015 between the hours of 15.00-23.00

Date of Issue

Signed

CHIEF EXECUTIVE
for Blackpool Council

TO: Blackpool Football Club

OF: Bloomfield Road, Blackpool

WHEREAS on 14th August 2012 Blackpool Council (hereinafter called “the Local Authority”) issued to Blackpool Football Club Ltd a General Safety Certificate for the Designated Ground at the sports stadium, pursuant to the powers conferred by the Safety of Sports Grounds Act 1975;

AND WHEREAS application was made to the Local Authority by Blackpool Football Club Ltd. (hereinafter called “the applicant”) for the issue to it of a Special Safety Certificate in respect of the use of Bloomfield Road stadium for the holding of a music concert on 23rd July 2015;

AND WHEREAS the Local Authority is satisfied that the applicant is a person likely to prevent contravention of the terms and conditions of the Safety Certificate;

NOW the Local Authority in exercise of the powers conferred by Sections 1, 2 and 3 of the Safety of Sports Grounds Act 1975 and all other enabling powers HEREBY CERTIFIES that said stadium in respect of the use thereof on 20 June 2014 for the holding of a concert open to members of the general public and for purposes ancillary thereto, SUBJECT to the terms and conditions contained in the Schedule to the General Safety Certificate issued by the Local Authority in respect of the said stadium and to the following further conditions:-

A. If the concert is held using an approved purpose built stage positioned at the North End of the pitch:-

1. The capacities set out in the General Safety Certificate shall not apply. Instead the maximum number of spectators that may be admitted to the event shall be restricted as follows:-

a) total capacity for the Ground shall be restricted to a maximum of 19983;

b) the above figure can be used as follows:-

- (i) pitch only – up to 10120 seated;
- (ii) East Stand – up to 3356 seated;
- (iii) West Stand – up to 2844 seating;
- (iv) South Stand – up to 1793 seating;
- (v) South West corner – up to 815 seated;
- (vi) South East corner – up to 642 seating;
- (vii) West Stand hospitality – up to 273 seating in boxes and lounge;
- (viii) South Stand hospitality – up to 140 seating in boxes.

2. All exit gates shall be required to be unlocked and manned throughout the time spectators are in the ground until all spectators have dispersed.
3. Access to the event by the public shall be through ticketing or valid pass only. This is to verify and control the actual numbers in attendance.
4. Spectators shall not be allowed to bring alcohol into the ground. Alcohol or alcoholic beverage shall be permitted to be sold in the ground by management for spectator consumption during the event, subject to the applicant obtaining a premises license from Blackpool Council.
5. All temporary structures shall be erected by a competent person to the satisfaction of the Local Authority, including an independent design check and certification of completion supplied to the Local Authority, prior to the event.
6. The applicant shall ensure the organisers shall engage not less than 150 stewards to assist in ensuring that the terms and conditions of this Certificate are complied with. They should be readily identifiable to all members of the public, police and emergency services and is fully briefed and made aware of his or her duties prior to the event. The role of stewards is outlined in the General Safety Certificate.
7. The applicant shall ensure that 9 fire fighting stewards shall be provided in accordance with the General Safety Certificate to patrol the sports ground as required.
8. Adequate provision should be made for the accommodation, ingress and egress of disabled persons. Viewing platforms for the disabled shall be located in areas approved by the Local Authority.
9. The applicant shall submit to the Local Authority the numbers of spectators to be allowed within the concourses at any one time and methods of controlling this.
10. Appropriate qualified first aid staff and equipment to be provided at strategic points around the stadium, additional qualified medical cover and equipment should be provided in accordance with the medical plan.
11. All active first aid rooms must be manned by qualified staff during the event.
12. All means of ingress and egress to and from the ground shall be maintained and first aid firefighting facilities shall be provided to the satisfaction of the Local Authority.
13. Regular rubbish collections shall be made throughout the event to prevent an accumulation of refuse, which should be removed to a safe storage area.
14. Caterers, concessionaires and temporary toilets shall be positioned to the satisfaction of the Local Authority and Fire Authority in a manner that will not impede safe evacuation of the premises.

15. All temporary electrical supplies to the stage and other areas of the stadium shall comply with the current relevant I.E.E. Regulations and installed and certified by a competent person and copies issued to the Local Authority, prior to the event. No public access to the generator or fuel supply should be available.
 16. All other management safety policies, certification, security measures and crowd management systems agreed in the applicant's Event Safety Management Plan shall apply regarding spectator safety, the applicant being responsible for ensuring that they are complied with during the event.
- B. All other relevant safety factors as detailed in the General Safety Certificate shall apply regarding spectator safety.
- C. This Certificate is only valid upon the proviso that all relevant certification is found satisfactory at least 48 hours prior to the event commencing.