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THE “ARTEMIO FRANCHI” STADIUM OF FLORENCE



SAFETY AND SECURITY DURING FOOTBALL COMPETITIONS



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THE STADIUM

LOCATION

The “Artemio Franchi” Municipal Stadium is located in the area of “Campo di Marte”, inside a highly urbanized and densely populated part of the town, where many other sports facilities stand (“Mandela Forum” Palasport, “Costoli” municipal swimming pool, “Ridolfi” athletics court, “Padovani” rugby stadium, “Cerreti” baseball stadium).

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Entrance to or presence in the facility in breach of the regulations in force, if such violation implies the expulsion of the offender from the facility and is proved by video-photographic evidence or any other objective element.	An administrative fine from 100.00 to 500.00 Euros + stadium ban and provisions for a period not inferior to 2 months and not superior to 2 years

Law no. 41 dated 4th April 2007 regarding "Conversion into law with amendment of Law Decree no. 8 dated 8th February 2007, providing urgent measures to prevent and combat football matches-related violent events"

	Penalty
Infringement of the prohibition of introducing into the stadium and showing banners or placards which incite to violence or are offensive and threatening	Arrest from three months to one year.

Law no. 88 dated 24th April 2003 regarding "Conversion into law with amendment of Law Decree No. 28 dated 24th February 2003, providing urgent measures to combat violence phenomena at sports competitions"

	Penalty
Unlawful entry, Entry without ticket	An administrative fine from 103.00 to 516.00 Euros
Unlawful occupation of passageways or any other area inside the sports facility where	An administrative fine from 103.00 to 516.00 Euros
Tickets sale by unauthorised sellers	An administrative fine from 2,500.00 to 10,000.00 Euros + stadium ban and provisions, that can be increased by the half of the maximum if the offender distributes or sells the entry tickets at a higher price than that decided by the competent society responsible for tickets' sale.





	Penalty
<p>Surmounting barriers or fences and entry onto the playing area</p>	<p>1-year imprisonment and an administrative fine from 1,000.00 to 5,000.00 Euros + stadium ban and provisions for a period of 2 to 8 years. Imprisonment for a period of 1 to 5 years if the offence has caused the failed start, the suspension or cancellation of the match.</p>
<p>Disturbance of sports events</p>	<p>An administrative fine from 50,000.00 to 300,000.00 Euros.</p>

	Penalty
<p>Possession of fireworks, objects that can be used to injure and dirtying substances (rockets, flares, firecrackers, smoke or gas canisters, sticks, truncheons, dirtying or polluting substances, blunt objects, any kind of object that can be used to injure) if committed in the areas where sports events take place or in those sites involved in parking, transit or transportation of people participating in or attending such events as well as in the areas immediately adjacent to the above mentioned sites during the 24 hours before and after the sports event takes place, if the facts occur in connection with the sports event.</p>	<p>Imprisonment for a period of 6 months to 3 years, a fine from 1,000.00 to 5,000.00 Euros</p>
<p>Violence, resisting and threatening a Police officer or a steward by throwing or using blunt objects or any other object that might be used to injure, including fireworks, and compromise public safety.</p>	<p>Imprisonment up to 3 years, if the offence is committed to compel the Police officer to omit an office or service action or not to complete it. Imprisonment for a period of 6 months to 5 years if the offender is committed to compel the Police officer to do an action contrary to his/her duties.</p>

Sectors and capacity

The ground is all-seated and has a total capacity of 46.389 seats.

It is divided into five sectors:

1. **Grandstand**
 - Stand - 8732 seats
 - Parterre Stand - 3144 seats
 - V.I.P. Stand - 238 seats
 - Press Stand - 144 seats
2. **Maratona Stand:** capacity of 10.000 seats;
3. **“Curva Fiesole” Sector,** facing the village of Fiesole. It gathers the most of Florentine organized supporters. Its capacity is of 11.699 seats;
4. **“Curva Ferrovia” Sector,** facing the railway station of Firenze Campo Marte. Its capacity is of 10.000 seats ;
5. the **Visiting Sector,** consisting in an area, furtherly divided into two sub-sectors, and comprised between “Curva Ferrovia” and “Maratona Stand”, containing up to 2432 seats.

Sectors separation

The segregation strategy is aimed at preventing that the supporters of the two competing teams come into contact and move from one sector to another. Segregation is operated by means of permanent barriers .

Separation of different groups of spectators within the same sector, or between spectators and the barriers, is sometimes arranged - provided that the rules concerning escape ways should always be respected - by means of separation elements/creation of no-go areas kept free of spectators and occupied only by stewards .

Separation between the spectators area and the playing area

It can be operated by affixing a 1,10 m fence. Fences are provided with barriers made of a transparent non-inflammable material, which, if necessary, can be raised up to 2,20 m; this is the separation system presently adopted.

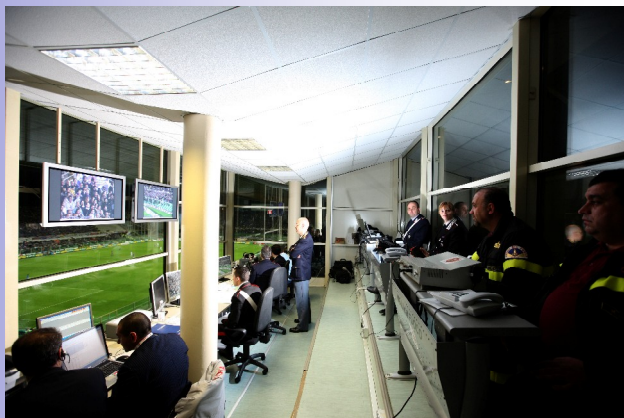
Barriers' height is established each time by the Chief Commissioner, according to the risks related to every single fixture, after consultation with the G.O.S. (Security Operational Unit).

In addition to what already adopted, the patrolling of the playing area perimeter by stewards can be arranged, i.e. 20 stewards per 10.000 spectators and anyway not less than 30.

Television surveillance system

Television surveillance system control room

The G.O.S. room, which is located in the upper part of the Side Stand beside the "Curva Fiesole" and offers a clear view of all areas of the stadium., represents the centre for safety and security during each competition and therefore hosts the surveillance system equipment.



Law No. 401 dated 13.12.1989 concerning "Interventions in the sector of gambling and betting and protection of the orderly conduct of competition events."

	Penalty
Breach of the stadium ban and of the regulations	Imprisonment for a period of 1 to 3 years and a fine from 10,000 to 40,000 Italian lire+ stadium ban and provisions for a period from 2 to 8 years + supplementary penalty ordering to carry out an unpaid activity for the community (maintenance of facilities damaged by writings or symbols representing organisations, associations, movements or groups whose aims include incitement to discrimination or violence for racial, ethnic, national or religious reasons)
Throwing and use of dangerous objects (rockets, flares, firecrackers, smoke or gas canisters, sticks, truncheons, dirtying or polluting substances, blunt objects, any kind of object that can be used to injure) if committed in the areas where sports events take place or in those sites involved in parking, transit or transportation of people participating in or attending such events as well as in the areas immediately adjacent to the above mentioned sites during	Imprisonment for a period of 1 to 4 years + stadium ban and provisions for a period of 2 to 8 years. The penalty is increased if the offence has caused the failed start, the suspension or cancellation of the match. It is increased up to the half if the offence has caused damages to people.

- [1] Further to the conviction, in addition to a supplementary penalty ordering to carry out an unpaid activity for the community (maintenance of facilities damaged by writings or symbols representing organisations, associations, movements or groups whose aims include incitement to discrimination or violence for racial, ethnic, national or religious reasons) (as for article. 6 of Law no. 401 of 13 December 1989, sub-paragraph 7 as replaced by Law no. 41/07
- [2] diffusion, by any kind of means, of ideas based on racial or ethnic superiority or hate, or incitement to commit or perpetration of discriminating actions for racial, ethnic, national or religious reasons, or incitement to commit or perpetration of violence or provocative actions for racial, ethnic, national or religious reasons, or participation, promotion or management of any organisation, association, movement or group whose aims include incitement to discrimination or violence for racial, ethnic, national or religious reasons.
- [3] on “Prevention and suppression of the offence of genocide”
- [4] offences punishable with a different penalty from life sentence, committed with intent of ethnic, national, racial or religious discrimination or hate, or aimed at favouring the activity of organisations, associations, movements or groups whose aims are the same.
- [5] stating that “The provisions of Law no. 575 of 31 May 1965 are also to be applied against those who (...) commit such actions on the basis of which they can be considered members of organisations, associations, movements or groups as for the sub-paragraph 3 of article no. 654 of 13 October 1975, and make gestures or show symbols representing the above-mentioned organisations, associations, movements or groups on occasion of public meetings;”

Technical features:

the system is composed of 40 cameras (28 new “Dome” cameras in addition to the 12 already existing); “Dome” cameras ensure:

- flexibility of use, allowing horizontal and vertical slewing both by manual and scheduled control, manipulated by a cameraman on a special keyboard;
- “Day & Night” option, allowing optimum shots, thanks to the automatic switch from colour to black-and-white (more sensitive) shot, in case of poor lighting;
- magnifying of particular framings, performed through an auto-focus zoom lens (up to 176x), resulting from the combination of both optical and digital zoom lens (22x + 8x).

Setting: cameras are placed along the barriers, close to entrance/exit gates and passageways between sectors, so to be able to cover, as far as possible, areas “hidden” by pillars, bars and prefabricated stalls. Cameras are also positioned at turnstiles in the visiting sector.

Broadcasting and storage of footage

- Video signals are collected in a special apparatus and sent to the Control Centre through devices provided for the purpose.

Audio Monitoring System

The audio monitoring system of the terraces is composed of 7 environment microphones positioned inside the playing ground and addressed towards the tiers.

INFORMATION ABOUT STADIUM ACCESS

Ticketing and Access

For all matches, the personal data of ticket purchasers must be entered in the database of ACF Fiorentina, otherwise tickets will not be validated (turnstiles will not allow access).

Police officers or stewards will check identity of tickets holders at stadium entrance gates.

All supporters should, therefore, have their passport or identity paper valid for examination.

Screening procedures might take time, so all supporters are recommended arriving early at the stadium, otherwise they risk of missing part of the game.

Bus parks

Bus drivers, transporting the supporters of the visiting team to the stadium, shall park in the parking area in front of Costoli Swimming Pool (Viale Paoli), at about 300 hundred meters from the stadium.

Instructions for stadium access of visiting supporters

Near the parking area provided for the buses of visiting supporters, there is an initial checkpoint, where stewards control tickets and advise spectators to keep their passport at hand; at this stage, spectators will be screened also by means of metal detectors.

Antiviolence rules in the stadium

Law no. 205 of 25 June 1993 (the so-called “Law Mancino”) concerning “urgent measures on the matter of racial, ethnic and religious discrimination”.

Article 2

1. Anyone who, during public meetings, performs exterior manifestations or make a show of emblems or personal symbols or usual symbols of organisations, associations, movements or groups, by virtue of article 3 of Law no. 654 (1) of 13 October 1975, is punished with imprisonment up to 3 years and with a fine from 200,000 up to 500,000 lire.
2. It is forbidden the entrance to places where agonistic matches take place to people who go there with emblems or symbols as foreseen by sub-paragraph 1. The offender is punished with imprisonment from 3 months up to 1 year and with a fine from 1,000 up to 5,000 Euros.
3. In case of people reported or sentenced for one of the offences foreseen by article 3 of Law no. 654 (2) of 13 October 1975, for one of the offences foreseen by Law no. 962 (3) of 9 October 1967 or for an aggravated offence by virtue of article 3(4) of this decree as well as people subject to prevention measures since they perpetrate crimes which offend or put in danger the public security or for the reasons as for article 18, first sub-paragraph, no. 2-bis of Law no. 152 (5) of 22 May 1975, the provision foreseen by article 6 of Law no. 4012 of 13 December 1989 is enforced and the entrance ban is valid for five years except a measure of closure, a sentence of discharge of the accused or the discharge of the prevention measure is passed, or if the rehabilitation is granted by virtue of article 178 of Criminal Code or article 15 of Law no. 327 of 3 August 1988.”

STEWARDS "UNIFORM"

Stewards, in the course of their duties, must wear a sleeveless jacket having the following features:

- luminescent yellow or orange colour;
- the writing "*steward*" (25x25 sized) within a frame placed in the centre of the jacket;
- ♦ luminescent ID code.

CASES OF FIXTURE POSTPONEMENT OR ABANDONMENT

In case of crowd disturbances, the match start or continuation will be permitted just to prevent even more serious outbreaks of violence and effectively protect the safety of spectators.

The postponement or abandonment of a match are exceptional measures, to be taken into account in the following cases:

1. critical situations observed before the game, which cannot be solved by enforcing the planned security provisions;
2. incidents occurred within the ground;
3. serious incidents, occurred even outside or far from the ground, which could reiterate also inside the ground, thus jeopardizing the safety of spectators, football players, personnel in charge of the organization and Police Forces;
4. persistent displaying of non-authorized banners, placards, emblems or symbols;
5. firing or throwing of smoke candles and/or crackers;
6. dissemination of any kind of expressions of a racist nature, as well as emblems and symbols evoking racial, ethnic or religious discrimination.



About 300 meters ahead, a final check will take place at turnstile approaches, where tickets must be validated through an optical character reader. During this check, a steward, upon production of id papers, has to verify that the name displayed on the reader corresponds to the one indicated on the id paper.



Spectators holding tickets valid for the Grandstand will have access to stadium through gates P18 and, afterwards, T19.

Access for disabled people

Disabled people can have access to stadium not far from gate P11, in order to reach the area available for them in the “Maratona” Stand (T12), or through gate P18, should they hold a ticket valid for the Grandstand.

Prohibited Items

As indicated by notices affixed both outside and inside the ground, the following items are not permitted within the stadium:

- guns or injuring objects, such as swords, knives and scissors, poisons, inflammable and noxious substances, drugs, explosives, tear gas, crackers, fireworks, gunpowder or any other dangerous substance;
- stones, marbles, glass bottles, tins, cans, PET bottles with stopper, frozen substances, as well as any other object which can be thrown;
- objects which can be used like weapons, such as flagpoles, camera tripods, sticks, hammers, screwdrivers, chains, etc.;
- umbrellas, except for those estimated harmless by security personnel;
- banners and similar items, included those used for choreography, if not expressly authorized;
- posters, horizontal and vertical pennants, flags, papers, drawings and printed materials promoting political, ideological or religious messages, or containing abusive language exalting or arousing violent actions, or anyway disturbing the game;
- drums and other sonorous instruments (e.g. megaphone)
- motorcycle helmets,
- alcoholic drinks, bulky baggages such as ice boxes, cases, etc.;
- animals, with the exception of guide dogs or rescue dogs.

Banners

Banners displaying political, provocative or racist statements are not admitted.

Alcoholic substances

Considering that there is a potential risk in relation to alcoholic drinks and liquors, the prohibition of public sale and distribution of alcoholic drinks and liquors, as well as other drinks in glass containers or tins, is likely to be ordered .

Downtown there is no ban of spirits consumption in public, whereas there a total ban of public sale and distribution of alcoholic drinks in the area surrounding the stadium on the day of the match.

STEWARDS

ACF Fiorentina, in order to ensure the compliance with the rules concerning the correct use of these sports facilities, employs properly trained stewards.

THE ROLE OF STEWARDS

Stewards are security personnel with tasks complementary to those of police forces, including what follows:

- stadium security sweep;
- initial screening procedure;
- screening and search procedures;
- directing spectators to their seats;
- spotting and surveillance of supporters inside the ground during the game;
- if necessary, standing around the inner perimeter of the playing area;
- if necessary, segregation of different groups of supporters;

Police Forces are in charge with the safeguard of legality and the guarantee of an efficient running of the organization , as well as with the supervision of stewards' activity.