

Richard Hebberd - Operations Manger

On a day-to-day basis I look after crowd safety, making sure that come match day, everything runs smoothly regarding the safety of people at Withdean.

I am also responsible for training the stewards and looking after match day staff, again to ensure the day runs without any problems.

In the build-up to a match, it is my responsibility to ensure all regulations are in place, which includes liaising with many public organisations, including the council, the police, the stadium owners, as well as the local bus and train companies, to make sure everything is in place.

The system will change slightly as we move to the American Express Community Stadium, as the whole operation will become a lot bigger and potentially more complicated.

Withdean is an open-air stadium with fairly basic systems in place, where as at the Amex there will be state-of-the-art systems which will require a higher level of maintenance.