

# **Sports Complex and Stadium (Control) Regulations 2003**

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## **THE POLICE ACT**

### **Regulations made by the Minister under section 25(1) of the Police Act**

#### **PART I**

#### **TITLE AND INTERPRETATION**

##### **1. Short title**

These regulations may be cited as the **Sports Complex and Stadium (Control) Regulations 2003**.

##### **2. Interpretation**

In these regulations -

"chain link" means chain link with meshes measuring not less than 10 cms from knot to knot;

"chanting" means the repeated uttering of any words or sounds in a loud tone and in concert with one or more persons;

"controller" means a person appointed by an organiser to control the admission at each entrance gate of a sports complex or stadium or, where admission is through turnstiles, at each turnstile which is in use;

"organiser" means a person responsible for the organisation of any public performance at a sports complex or stadium;

"public performance" means any event or performance, and includes any sports discipline, whether by way of a single event or a tournament or competition, any concert, fair, show or any other activity performed in a sports complex or stadium to which the public has admission;

"racial nature" in relation to the act of chanting, means chanting consisting of or including matter which is threatening, abusive or insulting to a person by reason of his race, caste, place of origin, colour or religion;

"sports club" has the same meaning as in the Sports Act 2001;

"sports complex" means any place specified in Parts II and III of the Second Schedule, designed for the holding of any public performance, or where any public performance may be held;

"sports discipline" means a sports discipline specified in the First Schedule;

"sports event" means any event relating to a sports discipline;

"stadium" means any place specified in Part I of the Second Schedule;

"steward" means a person appointed by an organiser within a sports complex or stadium to assist and direct spectators, and to assist the Police;

"supporter's card" means a card issued by the manager of a sports club to a person as evidence of his support to that club.

## **PART II**

### **PROVISIONS COMMON TO ANY SPORTS COMPLEX OR STADIUM**

#### **3. Authorisation to hold public performance**

- (1) No person shall hold or organise a public performance in any sports complex or stadium unless he obtains a written authorisation to that effect from the Commissioner.
- (2) Subject to paragraph (3), any person who wishes to obtain an authorisation to hold a public performance at a sports complex or stadium shall, not less than 21 days, or such lesser number of days as the Commissioner may grant, before the date scheduled for the public performance, make an application in writing to the Commissioner for such authorisation.
- (3) Paragraph (2) shall not apply to a public performance for the holding of which prior authorisation has been obtained and which has been postponed due to adverse climatic conditions and is to be held within 48 hours after the scheduled time.
- (4) The Commissioner may, subject to such conditions as he may deem fit to impose, grant an authorisation within a reasonable time before the date scheduled for the public performance.
- (5) The Commissioner may refuse an application where-
  - (a) it is not supported by the written consent of the person who owns, occupies and administers the sports complex or stadium;

- (b) the organiser does not supply evidence of the availability of a reasonable number of stewards;
  - (c) a sports complex or stadium is not provided with -
    - (i) an appropriate enclosure and a sufficient number of gates;
    - (ii) a proper public address system which shall cover all areas, to which the public has access, for the transmission of information and requests to the public;
    - (iii) an adequate lighting system and a suitable generator to cater for any power failure;
    - (iv) exit signs which shall be conspicuously affixed at all exits in such a manner as to be clearly visible and lit whenever necessary;
    - (v) a secure access and exit route for ambulances and Fire Services vehicles;
    - (vi) numbered seats for spectators in all the terraces or galleries;
  - (d) a sports complex or stadium with a seating capacity exceeding 5000 seats is not provided with -
    - (i) a control room with a closed-circuit video camera control system and video recording facilities to monitor crowd behaviour at a public performance;
    - (ii) a first-aid post, manned by appropriate personnel and equipped with an ambulance or other suitable means of conveyance to : a hospital or clinic;
    - (iii) accommodation for a police command post close to the control room specified in subparagraph (i);
  - (e) the sports complex or stadium does not comply with these regulations, except where the Commissioner, having regards to maintenance of law and order, otherwise decides.
- (6) The Commissioner may, when granting an authorisation under paragraph (4), fix the maximum number of persons that may be admitted to any class of accommodation of the sports complex or stadium.
- (7) The Commissioner may cancel an authorisation granted under paragraph (4) where he is satisfied that -
- (a) the holder of the authorisation no longer fulfils the requirements of paragraph (5);

- (b) regulations 10 to 12 have not been complied with, in relation to a stadium; or
- (c) the holder of the authorisation is no longer a fit and proper person to be the holder of an authorisation.

#### **4. Access ticket**

- (1) An organiser shall, unless admission to the sports complex or stadium is free, offer for sale to members of the public, tickets indicating the class of accommodation, where applicable, to which the ticket holder is entitled.
- (2) Subject to regulation 3(3), the tickets specified in paragraph (1) shall be in 3 parts, bound in book form and serially numbered and each part shall bear the date for which it is valid.
- (3) The first part of each ticket shall remain in the book, the second and third parts shall be detachable and shall be issued to the purchaser, the second part being twice the size of the third part, and the third part shall be marked with the word "Control".
- (4) Tickets for each class of accommodation shall be of a different colour from those for another class of accommodation.
- (5) Where the holder of a ticket presents a ticket to a controller, the controller shall return the second part to the holder and retain the third part.
- (6) No person shall sell a ticket for a public performance except under a written authority issued to him by the organiser.
- (7) No organiser shall, by himself or through any of his employees, offer for sale or admit to any class of accommodation any person in excess of the maximum number of persons fixed by the Commissioner under regulation 3 (6).

#### **5. Access control**

- (1) Every member of the public attending a public performance at a sports complex or stadium shall -
  - (a) enter the complex through an entrance gate;
  - (b) where a turnstile is available, proceed through the turnstile.
- (2) An organiser shall affix at conspicuous places outside a sports complex or a stadium, notices indicating the mode of admission to such sports complex or stadium.

- (3) An organiser shall appoint a reasonable number of controllers and shall provide every controller with a fluorescent jacket of orange colour with the word "Controller" printed or embroidered thereon in white letters not less than 7 cms high and 4 cms broad, the space between the letters being not less than one cm.
- (4) Every controller shall, at every public performance, wear the jacket specified in paragraph (3).
- (5) Every organiser shall, as soon as all tickets for any particular class of accommodation have been sold, cause to be conspicuously affixed on the outer part of the wall of the sports complex or stadium near every entrance gate of such class of accommodation, a board with a white background bearing the words "SOLD OUT" in red letters not less than 15 cms high and 4 cms broad, the space between the letters being not less than one cm.
- (6) Every organiser shall, in respect of any part of a sports complex or stadium -
  - (a) as soon as a number of persons admitted to that part of the sports complex or stadium equals the maximum number of persons fixed by the Commissioner under regulation 3(6); or
  - (b) where so requested by a police officer,cause all entrance gates to that part of the sports complex or stadium to be closed.
- (7) No person shall place, or permit to be placed; near any enclosure of a sports complex or stadium any object which may provide a means to gain access to the sports complex or stadium otherwise than through a gate or turnstile.

## **6. Issue of supporter's card**

A supporter's card in respect of a supporter of a sports club shall be issued by the manager of such club and shall bear -

- (a) the surname, name, address, photograph, national identification number and the signature of the supporter;
- (b) a serial number;
- (c) its date of issue; and
- (d) the name of the sports club, the signature of its manager and any logo, symbol, colour or design which identifies the club.

## **7. Accommodation of spectators**

- (1) Every organiser shall appoint a reasonable number of stewards to maintain order in the sports complex or stadium and assist the spectators and the police, and direct spectators.
- (2) Every organiser shall provide every steward with a fluorescent jacket of orange colour with the word "Steward" printed or embroidered thereon in white letters not less than 7 cms high and 4 cms broad, the space between the letters being not less than 1 cm.
- (3) Every steward shall, at every public performance, wear the jacket specified in paragraph (2).
- (4) Every organiser, shall where so requested by the Commissioner, divide the space reserved for spectators into neutral zones and supporters' zones.
- (5) Every organiser shall as far as practicable grant access to the different supporters' zones to the supporters of different sports clubs, or persons participating in the event, who are in possession of supporters' cards.
- (6) Where a spectator is not in possession of a supporter's card but otherwise satisfies the requirements of these regulations, he shall be given access to the neutral zone specified in paragraph (4), except where such zone is fully occupied.
- (7) A spectator shall occupy a space in such class of accommodation as his ticket authorises him or, as the case may be, his entrance fee entitles him to.
- (8) Every member of the public attending a public performance at the sports complex or stadium shall where standing accommodation only is provided, remain standing or where sitting accommodation only is provided, remain seated unless otherwise authorised by a steward.

## **8. Control of gates**

- (1) A controller or steward, as the case may be, shall be posted near the gates at all times and, if so requested by a police officer, shall open the gate as and when necessary.
- (2) Subject to paragraph (3), an organiser shall, at the end of every public performance, cause all the gates other than gates provided with turnstiles, to be fully opened to allow free exit to the spectators.
- (3) In cases of emergency, an organiser may, and if so requested by any police officer cause a gate to be opened before or during any public performance.

- (4) Where a public performance, other than a sport discipline, is held free, the organiser shall cause all gates to remain open, except where the maximum number of persons is already admitted in the sports complex or stadium.
- (5) An organiser shall, where tickets are required for admission to a sports complex or stadium, cause all gates to be opened 15 minutes before the end of the performance and shall cause an announcement to be made to that effect in advance for public information.

## **9. Safety Measures**

Where the Commissioner is of opinion that any public performance is likely to attract a number of spectators at least equal to the maximum number of persons fixed by him under regulation 3 (6), he may issue a direction to the organiser to the effect that -

- (a) no tickets shall be sold at a sports complex or stadium on the day of the public performance;
- (b) every available turnstile shall be used for the admission of members of the public;
- (c) the public shall be notified of the existence of any of the conditions specified in paragraphs (a) and (b).

## **PART III PROVISIONS APPLICABLE TO STADIUMS**

## **10. Enclosures at stadium**

- (1) The height of the wall of a stadium shall not be less than 4 metres or such height as may be approved by the Commissioner.
- (2) The playing field shall be surrounded by chain link fencing which shall not be less than 3 metres high or such height as may be approved by the Commissioner.
- (3) Where the fence is supported by iron posts, the chain link shall be secured to each iron post by an iron plate bolted to the post and being not less than 3.5 cms broad and 8 mm thick.
- (4) There shall be, in the fence surrounding the area where the public performance is intended to take place -
  - (a) an opening opposite the dressing room of the stadium; and
  - (b) no less than one opening on each of the other sides of the fence.

- (5) Every opening shall consist of a gate of 2 flaps of equal width made of chain link and each flap shall be mounted on a frame of 5 cms galvanized mild steel tube.
- (6) The gate opposite the dressing room shall be 2.25 metres high and its breadth shall be such that, when the 2 flaps are opened at right angles to the fence surrounding the area where the public performance is intended to take place they shall, as far as practicable, just reach the structure.
- (7) Entrance gates shall be provided in respect of each class of accommodation in the stadium.
- (8) On the occasion of a performance, every organiser shall keep every gate locked and the keys kept with the controller or steward, except when it will be necessary to allow a person to pass.

## **11. Division of the tiers**

- (1) Crush barriers of not less than one metre high and made of 15 cms reinforced concrete or of 5 cms galvanised mild steel tubes, shall be erected along the whole length of a tier so as to divide it into several parts.
- (2) Such tiers shall, at intervals of not more than 16 metres be provided with gangways not less than 75 cms broad, the distance of 16 metres being measured at the height of the middle tier where such tiers are curved.

## **12. Exit gates**

- (1) A sufficient number of gates for exit shall be provided in respect of a particular class of accommodation.
- (2) Every exit gate shall -
  - (a) be of the sliding type or of any other structure as may be approved by the Commissioner;
  - (b) be so constructed as to prevent it from being removed;
  - (c) be fitted on the inside with an efficient adjustable locking device;
  - (d) have a smooth outer surface; and
  - (e) be made of steel plates not less than 6 mm thick mounted on a frame made of angle bars measuring 4 cms and 6 mm thick or of such other structure as may be approved by the Commissioner.



- (3) Each exit gate shall be provided with a wicket gate -
- (a) made of the material specified in subparagraph (2) (e); and
  - (b) of a height of not more than 1.74 metres and breadth of not more than 75 cms.
- (4) During a public performance the organiser shall cause every exit gate to be kept locked and shall remit the key of every exit gate to a controller or steward who shall remain available near the gate.
- (5) Any person who wishes to leave the stadium before the end of any public performance shall do so by the appropriate wicket gate.

## **PART IV**

### **MISCELLANEOUS**

#### **13. Duties of the police**

An organiser shall grant free access to police officers delegated by the Commissioner to maintain law and order at every sports complex or stadium where a public performance takes place.

#### **14. Refusal of access**

Any controller or police officer may refuse access to a sports complex or stadium to any person -

- (a) reasonably suspected of being under the influence of alcohol or drug; or
- (b) who by his demeanour is likely to cause annoyance to any other person in the sports complex or stadium.

#### **15. Offences**

- (1) No person shall, where a public performance is held at a sports complex or stadium -
- (a) throw any object of whatever nature in any part of the sports complex or stadium or at another person or any area in which spectators or other persons are or may be present;
  - (b) take part in chanting of an indecent or a racial nature;
  - (c) enter, without lawful authority, into the area where the performance is taking place or any area adjacent to that area to which spectators are not generally admitted;
  - (d) use threatening, abusive or insulting words, or other word of a racial nature;

- (e) behave in a threatening manner towards another person;
  - (f) distribute or display any writing or sign or other visible representation which is threatening, abusive or insulting, or of a racial nature;
  - (g) behave in such a manner as to cause annoyance to any other person;
  - (h) sell, carry, have in his possession or consume any alcoholic drink or illicit drugs;
  - (i) sell, carry, have in his possession or consume any non alcoholic beverage, stored otherwise than in a paper container or a plastic container;
  - (j) carry or have in his possession any firearm, fire cracker, bottle, or any cutting, piercing or bruising instrument;
  - (k) obstruct any gangway or passage;
  - (l) cause wilful damage to any wall, gate, turnstile, fence or other structure; and
  - (m) use violence upon or assault any other person.
- (2) Any person reasonably suspected of being under the influence of alcohol or illicit drugs in a sports complex or stadium where a public performance is taking place may be arrested and removed therefrom by the police.

## **16. Powers to search**

Where any person seeking admission to a sports complex or stadium is reasonably suspected of being in possession of any article prohibited under regulation 15, he may be subjected to bodily search by any police officer or by a controller at the request and in presence of a police officer.

## **17. Penalty**

Any person who contravenes any of these regulations or fails to comply with any request made or any direction issued under these regulations shall, on conviction, be liable to a fine not exceeding 10,000 rupees and to imprisonment for a term not exceeding 2 years.

## **18. Repeal**

The Stadium (Control) Regulations 1964 are revoked.

## **19. Commencement**

These regulations shall come into operation on 28 August 2003.

Made by the Minister on 26 August 2003.

### **FIRST SCHEDULE**

(regulation 2)

#### **SPORTS DISCIPLINES**

1. Archery
2. Athletics
3. Badminton
4. Basket Ball
5. Billiards
6. Body Building
7. Boxing
8. Bridge
9. Chess
10. Football
11. French Boxing
12. Handball
13. Judo
14. Karate
15. Kick Boxing
16. Petanque
17. Squash
18. Swimming
19. Table Tennis
20. Tae Kwon Do
21. Tennis
22. Volleyball
23. Weightlifting
24. Wrestling

### **SECOND SCHEDULE**

(regulation 2)

## **PART I**

### **STADIUMS**

1. Anjalay Coopen Stadium, Belle Vue Mauricia.
2. Auguste Volaire Stadium, Centre de Flacq.
3. Camp du Roi Stadium (Rodrigues).
4. Guy Rozemont Stadium, Quatre Bornes.
5. Harry Latour Stadium, Mahebourg.
6. King George V Stadium, Curepipe.
7. Maryse Justin Stadium, Reduit.
8. Germain Commarmond Stadium.
9. Philippe Rivalland Stadium.
10. Quartier Militaire Stadium.
11. Rose Belle Stadium.
12. Sir Gaetan Duval Stadium, Rose Hill.
13. St Francois Xavier Stadium, Port Louis.
14. Stade 1er Fevrier, Roche Bois.

### **Parts II and III- SPORTS COMPLEXES**

#### **PART II**

1. Bonne Mere Swimming Pool, Flacq.
2. Mare d' Albert Swimming Pool.
3. Pavillon Swimming Pool, Quatre Bornes.
4. Plaine Verte Swimming Pool.
5. Riviere des Anguilles Swimming Pool.
6. Riviere du Rempart Swimming Pool.
7. Serge Alfred Swimming Pool, Beau Bassin.
8. Souvenir Swimming Pool, Calebasse.

#### **PART III**

1. Badminton Complex, Rose Hill.
2. Bon Accueil Gym.
3. Boxing Gym, Vacoas.
4. Glen Park Gymnasium.
5. Handball/Basketball Gym, Phoenix.
6. Judo/Table Tennis Centre, Beau Bassin.
7. Malabar Stadium, Rodrigues.

8. Omni Sport Complex, Rose Hill.
9. Pandit Sahadeo Gymnasium, Vacoas.
10. Quorum Gymnasium, Rose Hill.
11. Regis Jean Stadium, Port Louis.
12. Tennis Centre, Petit Camp, Phoenix.
13. Weightlifting Gym, Vacoas.