

Flags, surfers & Banner Policy – Brentford Football Club. (V1)

Brentford Football club at Griffin Park Stadium. Flags, Banners and Surfers Policy on match days.

Brentford Football Club wants to encourage an exciting atmosphere at all games played at Griffin Park Stadium and encourages fans to bring flags, banners and large 'surfing' flags – but these must adhere to the guidelines set by the Stadium's Safety Team, as stipulated below.

Flags, Surfers & Banners –

General

1. Brentford Football Club reserves the right to refuse to allow flags, surfers or banners to be displayed, particularly if content is considered offensive, discriminatory, defamatory or inflammatory.
2. Any item that Brentford Football Club or any of its employees believe could potentially be used as a weapon and/or compromise public safety is strictly prohibited and will be confiscated.

Flags

1. The flag pole should be no bigger than 7mm in diameter and 1 metre in length. The flag pole material should be plastic and be rounded at the ends. Please note that metal telescopic flag poles are not permitted.
2. Flags should be no bigger than 150cm in depth or width. Flags should be presented to stewards prior to entry to the Stadium where they will be inspected and approved prior to entry. Anything above these measurements will be classed as a banner and will therefore require a fire certificate and will need to be registered with the Club (see Surfers and Banners).
3. Brentford Football Club reserves the right to confiscate any flags brought into the Stadium without being approved prior to entry or alternatively poses a potential Health and Safety risk.
4. Supporters wishing to introduce flags on poles longer than 1 metre must contact Brentford Football Club in advance via email via operations@brentfordfc.co.uk. Subject to advance agreement with Brentford Football Club, such flags on poles may be waved prior to kick-off but must not obstruct the view of others and under no circumstances are to be waved after kick-off.
5. Flags which are not subject to **Section 4** above may generally be waved in the Stadium, however, Brentford Football Club reserves the right, if appropriate, to ask supporters to resist from waving flags in certain circumstances.

Surfers & Banners

1. Materials measuring more than 150cm x 150cm will be considered as banners.
2. All banners and surfers should be made from, or treated with, fire-retardant material and a fire certificate must be produced. Proof of certification may be required whenever they are brought into the stadium.
3. On occasion, where a Club designated sterile area (e.g. empty block of seats) is available within Griffin Park Stadium, it may be possible for banners to be placed in the sterile area. Permission to do so must first be obtained from the Club in advance via email at operations@brentfordfc.co.uk or, in circumstances where this is not possible, by the stand manager prior to entry on a matchday.
4. Banners will not be allowed where they may block advertising, signage, exit routes, restrict the views of other supporters or in any way compromise the safe operation of the stadium.
5. It is the responsibility of supporters who bring banners and surfers into the stadium to ensure they are securely fastened at all times. The Club reserves the right to remove any articles that have not been appropriately secured or become loose during a match.
6. Large surfers/banners should be kept on site at Griffin Park Stadium and issued to supporters on matchdays. Any such banners and surfers should be handed to stewards or taken to a designated area immediately after use.
7. The use of surfers or surfer-style banners designed to be passed over supporters' heads will not be allowed after kick-off.
8. Supporters wishing to introduce new surfers and banners must contact the Club in advance via email to operations@brentfordfc.co.uk. The banner/surfer must be presented to the Club at least three working days before matchday with the appropriate fire certificate. The banner/surfer must also be presented before entry to the stadium, when it will be inspected by the stand manager.
9. Any surfers or banners brought into the stadium without being approved by Brentford Football Club will be confiscated.
10. A register of banners and surfers which meet fire safety criteria will be kept by Brentford FC. A copy will be given to the Safety Officer to assist stewards in assessing approved articles.
11. The Club reserves the right to change this policy as it deems fit or as required by the local authority, Sports Grounds Safety Authority (SGSA) or any other body that helps to determine the safety of spectators at Griffin Park Stadium.
12. While the Club endeavours to take good care of banners and surfers that are brought into the stadium, it accepts no responsibility for any loss or damage that may occur at any time.

Note to Supporters:

Due to demand and the numbers of requests received, if your correspondence does not include all the above detail then Brentford Football Club will not be able to consider your request for permission. Full details must be given at the time of application.

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