

Gillingham Football Club Flags, Banners & Surfers Policy

Gillingham Football Club acknowledges that it has a commitment to protect all supporters whilst contributing to a positive matchday experience. We know that many supporters like to display banners and flags when visiting the Priestfield and will always be as accommodating as possible.

However, in the interests of the safety and enjoyment for all supporters, fans should adhere to the following guidelines regarding banners and flags.

Flags, Surfers & Banners – General

1. The Club reserves the right to refuse to allow flags, surfers or banners to be displayed if content is considered to be offensive, discriminatory or inflammatory.
2. Any item that could potentially be used as a weapon and/or compromise public safety is strictly prohibited.

Flags

1. Flags should be no bigger than 150cm in depth or width.
2. Anything above these measurements will be classed as a banner and will therefore require a fire certificate (see Surfers & Banners).
3. The flag pole should be no bigger 7mm in diameter and 1 metre in length. The flag pole material should be wood or plastic.
4. Flags should be presented prior to entry to the stadium where they will be vetted by a Steward.
5. Any flags brought into the stadium without being vetted by the Club in advance, will be confiscated.
6. Subject to advance agreement with the Club, flags on larger poles may be allowed prior to kick-off but must not obstruct the views of others. Supporters wishing to introduce flags on poles bigger than 1 metre long should contact the Club in advance via email to tpayne@priestfield.com

Surfers & Banners

1. Materials measuring more than 150cm x 150cm will be considered as banners.
2. All banners and surfers should be fire-retardant and a fire certificate must be produced (See Point 7).
3. If a Club-designated sterile area (e.g. empty block of seats) is available within the Priestfield Stadium, consideration will be given to drape banners without a fire certificate over seats in this area.
4. Banners will not be allowed where they may block advertising or restrict the views of other supporters.
5. The use of surfers or surfer-style banners, designed to be passed over supporters' heads, will not be allowed after kick-off.
6. Supporters wishing to introduce new surfers and banners should contact the Club in advance via email to tpayne@priestfield.com . They must be presented to the Club at least three working days before matchday. They must

also be presented prior to entry to the stadium where they will be vetted by a Senior Steward.

7. Any surfers or banners brought into the stadium without being vetted by the Club, will be confiscated.

Drums, Vuvuzelas and other large musical instruments

1. Drums and other large musical instruments will not be allowed in the seating areas of the ground.
2. Vuvuzelas, Air Horns and similar instruments are specifically banned within the ground under the terms of the Football League Ground Regulations as adopted by the Club.
3. The club will offer safe keeping for any such items brought to the ground in error, returning them to the relevant supporter at the end of the match.

