MEWA ARENA STADIUM REGULATIONS

§ 1 Scope of Application

These stadium regulations apply to the enclosed meeting places and facilities of the MEWA ARENA in Mainz (hereinafter referred to as the "**stadium**"). By entering the stadium grounds, visitors (hereinafter collectively referred to as "**visitors**") declare their agreement with the validity of these stadium regulations, which they have also taken note of by means of notices posted at the entrances, and accept them as binding.

§ 2 Dedication

1. The stadium is primarily used for soccer matches and large-scale events of a supraregional or representative nature.
2. The public has no right to use the assembly areas and facilities of the stadium.
3. Contracts to be concluded in individual cases regarding the use of the stadium are governed by civil law.

§ 3 House rules

The 1. Fußball- und Sportverein Mainz 05 e.V., Isaac-Fulda-Allee 5, 55124 Mainz (hereinafter referred to as "**Club**") and its employees and vicarious agents, as well as the police, security services, or third parties commissioned by the Club during events, are entitled to enforce the house rules at any time.

§ 4 Staying in the stadium

1. Only persons who have a valid ticket (if necessary, with valid identification) or valid accreditation, or who can prove their right to attend this event in another way, may stay in the meeting places and facilities of the stadium.
2. Each visitor must occupy the seat specified on the ticket for the respective event (exceptions pursuant to § 6 (2) and (3)). Tickets and authorization cards must be presented within the stadium and its facilities at the request of the police or security personnel.
3. On days when no events are taking place, the regulations agreed upon by the city and the stadium users apply to visitors to the stadium.
4. Any misuse of the admission ticket or accreditation is prohibited and may result in the confiscation of the ticket or pass and the other sanctions specified in § 11. Any use or application that is not in accordance with the intended purpose shall be considered misuse.
5. Temporary obstructions to visibility may occur throughout the stadium, in particular due to the waving of flags and/or standing spectators. Complaints or claims for compensation due to these restrictions are excluded.
6. To ensure and optimize stadium security and effective law enforcement, the stadium and parts of the surrounding area are monitored by video surveillance. In addition, on match days, law enforcement and security authorities also use video surveillance systems under their own authority for security and law enforcement purposes in accordance with the applicable legal provisions. The recordings are treated as confidential by the security services but can be used as evidence, especially if a crime is suspected and/or has happened. If nothing happens during an event that's recorded by a video camera, the recordings are deleted according to the applicable data protection rules, especially the European General Data Protection Regulation (EU GDPR).
7. Each spectator irrevocably consents to the free use and exploitation of their image or voice in all photographs, live broadcasts, broadcasts, and/or recordings of image and/or sound recordings created by the club or a co-organizer of the event in connection with the event, unless the spectator's legitimate interests preclude such use. $ 23 (2) of the German Art Copyright Act and the separate regulations on data protection remain unaffected.

§ 5 Entry checks, access to the stadium

1. Upon entering the stadium grounds, all visitors are required to present their ticket (if applicable, together with valid identification/proof of eligibility for a discount) or accreditation to security personnel without being asked to do so and to hand it over for inspection upon request.
2. Security personnel and the police are authorized to search individuals - including through the use of technical aids - to determine whether they pose a security risk due to alcohol or drug consumption or because they are carrying weapons, dangerous or flammable items. The search extends in particular to upper body and leg clothing, footwear, and any items carried (e.g., bags).
3. Persons may be refused entry and/or prevented from entering the stadium if
    a. they refuse to undergo an appropriate check of their person and/or the items they are carrying by security personnel or the police at the entrance and/or inside the stadium before entering the enclosed stadium area,
    b. they cannot prove their right of residence,
    c. they violate the prohibitions of § 9 of these stadium regulations and/or they pose a security risk,
    d. they have been banned from stadiums within the Federal Republic of Germany; in this case, the organizer is required to file a criminal complaint,
    e. they have already entered and subsequently left the enclosed stadium area once during the same event; in this case, the ticket loses its validity,
    f. the individualization features printed on the tickets (e.g., name imprint, seat data, barcode, QR code, serial and/or shopping cart numbers) have been manipulated, made unrecognizable, and/or damaged, or an attempt to gain access has already been made with the ticket, unless this is attributable to the club,
    g. the person is not identical to the person who is stored as the customer in connection with the ticket and noted on the ticket via individualization features.

    In the event of justified refusal of admission, the visitor is generally not entitled to compensation, unless a weighing of the conflicting interests of the customer and the interests of the club in the individual case argues in favor of a refund.

§ 6 Conduct in the stadium

1. Within the stadium grounds, every visitor must behave in such a way that the legal interests of the clubs, the players, the visitors, and all other persons present at events in the stadium are not impaired and/or endangered as far as possible.
2. Visitors must follow the instructions of the police, fire department, security and emergency services, event manager, security officer, and stadium announcer. For safety reasons and to avert danger, visitors are obliged to take seats other than those indicated on their tickets – including in other blocks – if instructed to do so by the police or security staff; in this case, there is no entitlement to compensation.

3. Blocks P, Q, R, and S of the west stand, blocks K, L, M, N, and O of the south stand, as well as family block A and the comfort seats in block B of the north stand are the club's home area. As the club is obliged to separate fans of opposing teams for safety reasons, fans of the respective visiting team or persons who, due to their behavior or appearance, can be regarded as fans of the visiting team or another third team ("visiting fans") are not permitted to enter or remain in the home area. Visiting fans are therefore not permitted to enter the MEWA ARENA via the southeast, southwest, west, and north entrances. Visiting fans are also prohibited from entering the area behind the west stand, including the "Hasekaste" and "Schobbeschachtel" stadium restaurants. The club, the police, and security personnel are entitled to refuse guest fans access to the home area and/or to expel them from the home area, even if they are in possession of a valid ticket, and, if there is sufficient space available, to take them or have them taken to the guest area of the stadium. If no other suitable space can be offered, the visiting fan concerned may be expelled from the stadium and/or denied access to the stadium; in this case, there is no entitlement to compensation.
4. All entrances and exits, emergency and escape routes, as well as escape doors and gates, must be kept clear.
5. Notwithstanding these stadium regulations, further instructions may be issued in individual cases to prevent or eliminate dangers to life, health, or property. The instructions issued for this purpose must be followed.

§ 7 Liability

1. Visitors to the stadium do so at their own risk. The club, its legal representatives, and/or vicarious agents shall only be liable for damages, regardless of the legal basis, in cases of intent or gross negligence or - in such cases limited to foreseeable damage typical for this type of contract - in cases of breach of material contractual obligations. Essential contractual obligations are those whose fulfillment is essential for the proper execution of the contract, whose breach jeopardizes the achievement of the purpose of the contract, and on whose compliance the customer regularly relies. This limitation of liability does not apply to claims for compensation for damages due to injury to life, limb, or health or due to other legally mandatory liability. The club or the host accepts no liability for damage caused by visitors, users, their agents, or other third parties. The club is not liable for the loss of items unless this is due to culpable behavior on the part of its staff.
2. Accidents or damage must be reported to the club immediately.

§ 8 Fan paraphernalia

The following fan paraphernalia is permitted after prior registration:

- Unlimited small waving flags up to 2.0 meters in length;
- 15 waving flags with a pole length of 2.0 meters or more;
- 4 hand megaphones, each including a set of spare batteries;
- 5 drums, open or visible at the bottom, including one set of drumsticks per drum;
- Unlimited double holders up to 2.0 meters in length with plastic empty tubes;
- Fence flags and banners as long as space is available.

Fence flags and banners may only be hung personally by their owners, not by security staff, on fences provided for this purpose in the fan area. It is prohibited to hang flags over or cover advertising banners and emergency exits.

Banners, flags, and choreographed displays must be registered with and approved by the club in advance of the event and should always be made of flame-retardant material (B1 certified).

Laying out fence flags and banners on the ground, steps, seats or emergency exits is prohibited.

§ 9 Prohibitions

1. Visitors to the stadium are prohibited from carrying and/or using the following items:
    a. Weapons of any kind;
    b. Political or religious items of any kind, including banners, signs, symbols, and leaflets, if there is reason to believe that these will be displayed inappropriately in the stadium;
    c. Racist, xenophobic, violence-glorifying, and/or left-wing or right-wing extremist propaganda material;
    d. Items that can be used as weapons or projectiles;
    e. Gas spray cans, corrosive, highly flammable, or coloring substances;
    f. Bottles of any material (including PET and plastic bottles), cups, jugs, cans, or objects made of other breakable, splintering, or particularly hard materials;
    g. Beverages not purchased in the stadium (exception: 1 beverage carton with a non-alcoholic beverage and a maximum capacity of 0.5 liters);
    h. Food not purchased in the stadium (exceptions must be requested in advance and justified on health grounds);
    i. Items of clothing that are obviously carried for the purpose of disguising oneself (a mouth-nose covering for infection protection is not included here);
    j. Bulky items such as ladders, stools, chairs, boxes, walking umbrellas or strollers;
    k. Torches, fireworks, smoke candles and/or powder, flares, sparklers, bengal fires, and other pyrotechnic items and substances or mixtures of substances;
    l. Mechanically and/or electrically operated noise-making instruments;
    m. Drugs of any kind;
    n. Cannabis in accordance with § 1 (8) Recreational Cannabis Act (KCanG)
    o. Animals;
    p. Laser pointers;
    q. Fire-promoting or fire-enhancing materials;
    r. Professional cameras with interchangeable lenses with a focal length of more than 200 mm and no other interchangeable lenses;
    s. Other items that are likely to endanger or unduly impair safety in and around the stadium, other visitors, players, and/or officials.
2. Visitors are also prohibited from
    a. Expressing or disseminating inhuman, racist, xenophobic, politically extremist, obscenely offensive, provocatively insulting, discriminatory, and/or left-wing or right-wing radical slogans and corresponding actions;
    b. To wear and/or carry flags, banners, patches, or clothing whose inscriptions are likely to defame persons on the basis of their skin color, religion, origin, ancestry, gender, or sexual orientation, or whose inscriptions display symbols that are unconstitutional or are recognized as being associated with right-wing extremism or xenophobia; the same applies to visible body markings of this kind;
    c. Wearing or carrying clothing whose manufacturer, distributor, or target group is recognized as being associated with the extreme right or xenophobia;
    d. Expressing or disseminating offensive and/or hostile slogans against the police (e.g., "A.C.A.B.") on banners, T-shirts, etc.;
    e. Climbing on or scaling structures and facilities not intended for general use, in particular facades, fences, walls, enclosures around the playing area, barriers, lighting systems, camera platforms, trees, masts of any kind, and roofs;
    f. Entering areas that are not open to visitors (e.g., the playing field, the interior, the functional rooms) without permission;

g. Throwing objects of any kind;
h. Lighting fires, setting off fireworks, smoke candles and/or powder, flares, sparklers, bengal fires, and other pyrotechnic objects and substances or mixtures of substances;
i. Selling goods and tickets, distributing printed matter, and collecting money without the permission of the city or the stadium user;
j. Writing on, painting, or sticking anything to buildings, facilities, or paths;
k. Relieving oneself outside of the toilets or otherwise soiling the stadium grounds and bringing suitable items such as confetti, paper scraps, or stickers in large quantities, as well as paper rolls;
l. Any commercial or business-related transfer of tickets, as well as any private transfer of tickets at a price 15% higher than the price paid;
m. Being obviously intoxicated, under the influence of drugs, and/or wearing a mask, behaving violently or in any other way contrary to public order, or giving rise to concerns about such behavior;
n. The consumption of cannabis anywhere in the stadium;
o. Smoking in family blocks A (north stand) and O (south stand) as well as in block F (east stand). The support area in block O is not affected by the smoking ban;

3. A violation of the above prohibitions also occurs if a visitor aids another visitor in committing a prohibited act or incites or supports another visitor in committing a prohibited act.
4. Staying in the stadium for the purpose of media coverage of the event (television, radio, internet, print, photos) and/or collecting game data is only permitted with the prior consent of the club and in the areas specifically designated for these purposes. Without the prior consent of the club, it is not permitted to record or collect sounds, photos and/or images, descriptions or results or data relating to the event, unless this is done exclusively for private, non-commercial use. Any commercial use, regardless of the manner and by whom, requires the prior written consent of the club. In any case, it is prohibited to broadcast image, sound, and/or video recordings, live or delayed, and/or to publicly reproduce them on the Internet, in particular on social media platforms and/or apps, and/or other media (including mobile devices such as smartphones, tablets, etc.) without the prior consent of the club and/or to support other persons in such activities. Devices or equipment intended for such activities may not be brought into the stadium without the prior consent of the club or a third party authorized by the club. The club points out that DFL Deutsche Fußball Liga GmbH is entitled to delete or have deleted any recordings transmitted and/or publicly reproduced in violation of this provision. The club further points out that DFL Deutsche Fußball Liga GmbH may be authorized to assert further claims of the club against the spectator in its own name, both in and out of court.
5. Actions that could lead to a direct or indirect commercial association with the club, DFL Deutsche Fußball Liga e.V., DFL Deutsche Fußball Liga GmbH, Deutscher Fußball-Bund e.V., the event, or parts thereof are prohibited throughout the stadium area without the prior written consent of the club or third parties authorized by the club. In particular, it is prohibited in the stadium area to
    a. create or attempt to create such an association through the unauthorized use of logos or other trademarks,
    b. engage in targeted commercial advertising of any kind, e.g., distributing advertising brochures or other written information relating to a business, product, or service
    c. offer, sell, or carry with the intention of selling beverages, food, souvenirs, clothing, or other items (or services).

§ 10 Bag policy

The following are permitted in the stadium:

- Bags and backpacks up to a size of 30 cm x 30 cm x 15 cm
- Gym bags / bum bags
- Standard fabric or plastic bags

The following are not permitted:

- Bags and backpacks larger than 30 cm x 30 cm x 15 cm
- Suitcases

§ 11 Violations

1. In the event of one or more violations by visitors of the rules of conduct set out in these stadium regulations, the club, the police, and/or security personnel are entitled to
    a. confiscate prohibited items carried by visitors without compensation, and/or
    b. to refuse visitors access to the stadium area and/or the venue without compensation and/or to expel them from the stadium or the grounds.
2. In the event of violations of the regulations in § 9, actions pursuant to § 3, § 27 of the Assembly Act, participation in event-related criminal offenses and/or acts of violence inside or outside the stadium, the club is also entitled to
    a. exclude affected visitors from purchasing tickets for a reasonable period of time, but for a maximum of five years;
    b. no longer grant affected visitors any preferential rights they may have been granted, e.g., the preferential rights associated with membership in the club or in official fan clubs of the club, and/or terminate the membership of affected visitors in the club.
3. Further claims for damages, injunctive relief, or other contractual claims remain unaffected.
4. In the event of violations of the provisions in § 9, actions pursuant to § 3, § 27 of the Assembly Act, participation in event-related criminal offenses and/or acts of violence inside or outside the stadium, a stadium ban limited to the stadium may also be imposed; in particularly serious cases, a nationwide stadium ban may also be imposed. In this context, the DFB guideline on the uniform treatment of stadium bans in its currently valid version applies.
5. For violations of the provisions in § 9 by individual or multiple visitors, in particular for the burning of fireworks, smoke candles and/or powder, flares, sparklers, bengal fires, and other pyrotechnic objects and substances or mixtures of substances, and/or the throwing of objects, the club, or in the case of corresponding violations by fans of the visiting club, the visiting club, may be fined or subject to other sanctions by the responsible associations (DFL Deutsche Fußball Liga GmbH, DFL Deutsche Fußball Liga e.V., German Football Association (DFB), Union of European Football Associations (UEFA)). The club or the visiting club is entitled to seek full recourse from the person or persons demonstrably identified as responsible for this or to claim compensation for the damage resulting from the sanction in accordance with the provisions of the highest court jurisdiction. In the event that several parties are responsible, they shall be jointly and severally liable within the meaning of § 421 BGB (German Civil Code), with the result that the club or the visiting club may claim against a single verifiably identified responsible party for the entire fine or the entire damage incurred by the club or the visiting club as a result of the sanction, if there was a causal link between the contributions of the individual verifiably identified responsible parties.
6. Prohibited items will be confiscated and, provided they are not required for criminal investigation purposes, returned after the conditions for confiscation no longer apply, against reimbursement of the costs incurred for confiscation and return, or destroyed at the visitor's expense no later than four weeks after the event. The club is not liable for the loss or damage of confiscated items.
7. If the violation of the stadium regulations gives rise to suspicion of a criminal offense, a criminal complaint will be filed. In the case of an administrative offense, a complaint may be filed.

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