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Introduction

This Annual Post Season Spectator Safety Report relates to Section 6 of the Safety at Sports Grounds Act Policy Statement 2011

The Report identifies, where possible, in chronological sequence the issues associated with all aspects of spectator safety within and under the control of LCCC Safety Management throughout the 2012 Cricket Season.

The Safety Management Team

The Safety Management Team remains as that in position during the previous year and is lead by the Venue Compliance Manager and Stadium Safety Officer Mr David Arrowsmith.

Mr Arrowsmith is supported in his role by the Assistant Venue Compliance Manager, Mr Ian Aspey.

For Match and Event day operations the role of Safety Officer may be undertaken by Mr Arrowsmith or Mr Aspey both of whom hold relevant experience and qualified to Level 4 NVQ in Spectator Safety Management..

Review of the Progress of the Aims and Objectives for 2012 Season

The stated Aim and Objective for the 2012 cricket season was;

Objective

To successfully integrate the progressive redevelopment of the site into the day to day function of the Club.

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Progress

This has been achieved to the satisfaction of the Safety Management Team and Trafford Borough Council.

Pre Season Issues

Terrorist and Security Issues

As in previous years, National Terrorist and Security issues prior to and during the 2012 season were considered as an integral part of the planning process for events at Old Trafford Cricket Ground.

During the entire season the 'Threat Level' remained 'Substantial'. Operations at the Club for all events reflected this assessment of the state of alert.

The Club continues its association with GMP Counter Terrorism Unit with whom several planning and information meetings took place and advice sought and acted upon in relation not only to sporting and other events at the stadium but also in relation to the on-going redevelopment of the site.

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Pre-match/event liaison with agencies

Lancashire County Cricket Club Safety Management continued close liaison with the police and other relevant agencies prior to every match and event hosted at the stadium.

Match Day Security Strategy

Match Day Security Strategy continued to improve during the 2012 season with the continued development of the computerised Event Management System.

Liaison with the Local Authority, Emergency Services and Security Services continued and enabled the club to continue business, whatever the risks.

Redevelopment Issues

Phase 2 of the redevelopment of the stadium continued during the 2012 cricket season culminating in the use of the new Players and Media Building for the final game of the season held at the stadium, the t20 double head internationals between England Ladies and West Indies Ladies and England men and South Africa men.

Annual Ground Inspection and Equipment Testing Reports.

The stadium was subject to all the required safety checks as detailed in the document Safety Procedures and Contingency Plans.

Appropriate safety checks were also carried out by the club's own maintenance department as required by the Safety Procedures Manual.

All certificates were forwarded to Trafford Borough Council prior to the issue of the General Safety Certificate for 2012 by the Authority.

The Private Security Industry Act 2001 and the Security Industry Authority (S.I.A.)

Lancashire County Cricket Club complies fully with the requirements of the PSIA 2001.

Our exclusive agreement for the provision of Security services with G4S Secure Solutions (UK) Limited continued during 2012 and included the Car Parking operations and event gate supervision and site supervision.

Steward Training

G4S continued to provide all of the clubs stewarding and security needs.

G4S is regulated by the Security Industry Authority (SIA).

The size of the company enabled it to provide its own in house training by qualified instructors, in compliance with the Private Security Industry Act 2001.

The company delivered, as a minimum, training and qualification to Level 3 for all Supervisors and to Level 2 of the National Qualification Framework for General Stewards.

No Smoking Policy

All the stadium seated areas are designated as No Smoking. This extended policy has been successfully introduced to the stadium for all cricket events and extends and complements the requirements dictated by Regulations.

Risk Assessments

Generic Match Day Risk Assessments

The Safety Management Team constantly reviews all aspects of Risk Assessment at the stadium. However particular cognisance is paid prior to the start of each Cricket season to the Generic Risk Assessments for the forthcoming year and amendments are made where particular issues are highlighted.

Specific Match/Event Risk Assessments

As in the previous season, every match and event had specific risk assessments completed. These were published via the Electronic Management System to which Trafford Borough Council's Public Protection Department Officers have immediate access

The classification used for Risk Assessment is simple and accepted by both the police and Trafford Borough Council.

Risk Classification: **CS** – Lowest. **A** - Low. **B** - Medium. **C** - High.

All the events and matches attracted one of the above specific classifications.

Using the system of risk assessment and management prior to the commencement of the season, negotiations took place with the police on which games and events would attract a police presence. These were confirmed as follows:

Lightning v Carnegie FP t20 game of 6th July 2012

The 5th NatWest One Day International fixture between England v Australia on 10th July 2012

The t20 International fixtures between England Ladies and West Indies Ladies and England v South Africa (Men) on 10th September 2012

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Stadium Usage

This season, again due to the relocation of the cricket wicket from an East / West orientation to North / South a limited number of wickets were available for play. As a result six 4 day LV= County Championship games were played at Liverpool with 2 being played at Old Trafford together with all one day fixtures.

Due to the redevelopment of the stadium it was not possible to host concerts or other outdoor events of any significance during 2012.

The stadium arena was therefore in use for a total of only 26 days throughout the year for cricket matches which are listed below.

Cricket Events

The calendar year saw a varied programme of cricket games at Old Trafford with the total number of days allocated being 26.

The summer of 2012 was a little disappointing from a weather perspective and this resulted in only 12 full days of play being held at Old Trafford, or 46% of the day's allocated.

Of the days lost, 2 were a total washout and the remainder all were interrupted due to rain or bad light.

Due to the redevelopment of the ground and the limited availability of wickets, six 4 day LV= County Championship games were played away from Old Trafford at Liverpool CC. These games are not reflected in the above totals.

One Day International, England v Australia

This game was played on 10th July 2012 and attracted a crowd of 14,759 persons.

This game saw use of the two new two-tier stands, designated B and C respectively, for the first time for an international fixture.

The game passed without major incident. 5 persons were treated by the First Aid team, all for minor ailments.

The Stewarding operation responded to the requirements of the ICC and ECB and their presence prevented any breaches of the protocols required by the governing bodies. 1 person was arrested (suspicion of assault) and 11 persons were ejected from the ground as a result of their breaching of the Conditions of Entry.

A police presence was employed totalling 17 officers of various ranks and designated duties.

T20 International, England v South Africa.

This game was played on 10th September 2012 and was preceded by a t20 women's international fixture between England and West Indies.

This game was the first to be played where the new Players and Media building was utilised for the printed press and the Safety Management team of Lancashire Cricket Club.

11,044 persons attended this fixture with, once again, both the new two-tier stands being open for occupation by the public.

A police presence was employed totalling 17 officers of various ranks and designated duties. No arrests were made.

Due to the nature of the event and the requirements of the ECB a large stewarding presence was employed for this game although spectator behaviour was excellent. 3 ejections were made for possession of Class B drugs who were subsequently issued a 'Street Warning' by the Police.

A total of 7 persons were treated by the medical team,

Domestic Cricket Events

Throughout the 2012 season, Lancashire County Cricket Club took part in the domestic First Division league Championship (LV=CC), the Clydesdale Bank Pro 40 one day league, and the Friends Provident T20 one day competition.

On the field of play things failed to match the highs of the previous season and, disappointingly, the team will play in Division Two of the County Championship next season having finished second-bottom of Division One this year.

In the Pro 40 one day league the team reached the semi-final only to be beaten by Warwickshire Bears in their fixture at Old Trafford

In the Friends Provident T20 Competition the team failed to qualify from the group stage.

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Conclusions

Once again all those involved with the Stadium Safety Management have experienced an extremely busy, varied and challenging year.

The overall spectator attendance for cricket games hosted at the stadium in 2012 was 58,573.

Excluding international cricket matches the total attendance for a domestic games was 30,994 spectators.

If we breakdown the attendances for the 2 One Day / Limited Overs competitions, we find that a total of 8,821 persons attended the t20 games (this was for 3 games only due to the loss of two complete games due to the weather) and 10,810 the CB40 competition.

Both the stewarding and event day medical operations are constantly monitored to ensure that the exacting standards previously attained are maintained and, where possible, further improved.

Liaison and co operation with the Local Authority, Police, Fire and Rescue, and Health Authorities continued and relationships are strong and areas of responsibility are clear.

The liaison with the local Police has continued to be strong and the sharing of information has proved to be advantageous to both parties. During 2012 the police, by agreement, were present only at international and the t20 fixture versus Yorkshire Carnegie, but by further agreement we have maintained an 'open door' policy for members of the management and Special Events Office to attend any fixture to monitor and advise as they see fit. We expect this arrangement to continue into and beyond the 2013 season.

Throughout the Cricket season the medical team treated a total of 23 people during match days for injuries or illnesses. None of the total number needed to be referred to hospital for further treatment.

Responsibility for Fire Prevention and Safety Regulation has remained on a 24 / 7 basis to the 24 hour Site Security operations and this team are now responsible for this discipline on all match and event days as an extension of their remit.

All fire fighting equipment is checked by the same team on a daily basis to ensure it is in place and fully serviceable. Records of these checks are made and kept.

As previously mentioned training will always remain a foundation of the Lancashire County Cricket Club match day safety management policy.

Match day Incident Reports submitted by safety personnel add to the extensive match day information available to Lancashire County Cricket Club safety management ensuring effective monitoring, assessment and resolution, where necessary, of issues associated with spectator safety.

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We have enhanced our commitment to sharing of information with Trafford BC and allowed them real time access to relevant sections of the Lancashire County Cricket Club Event Management Portal which allows the officials of the Council to interrogate information relating to events without the need to contact individuals at the Club. This system has been successful and we intend to roll out further this coming season to allow the Police the same privileges, where relevant, to the system.

This process has focused the needs of both the Club and Trafford BC to inform and direct improvements in safety and business development.

Objective for 2013

The Safety Management team at Lancashire County Cricket Club has set five objectives for 2013.

Objectives

1. Review the Stewarding provision employed for events at the ground
2. Review the Medical provision employed for events at the ground
3. Establish a Key Point telephone system
4. Further integrate the progressive redevelopment of the ground into the Safety Operations
5. Review calculations and recommend necessary adjustments to demonstrate a capacity of 25,000 for the ground

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