

# AMT HEADINGLEY STADIUM SEARCH POLICY

**UPON PURCHASING OR OBTAINING A TICKET OR MEMBERSHIP TO ATTEND A LEEDS RHINOS HOME GAME OR AMT HEADINGLEY STADIUM EVENT, SUPPORTERS AGREE TO ADHERE TO [THE AMT HEADINGLEY RUGBY STADIUM GROUND REGULATIONS](#) AND THE SEARCH POLICY.**

## **MATCHDAY SEARCHES AND BAG POLICY**

Leeds Rhinos take the safety of our supporters very seriously. Under a recommendation from a security aspect, we have made important changes to help ensure the safety of all supporters, visitors and staff at AMT Headingley Stadium. These include enhancing the searching of supporters at the turnstiles on a matchday. This means that entry to the stadium may take longer and as a result it is likely that queues may occur, however we will do all we can to keep things moving. We are requesting that supporters do not bring bags to the stadium to avoid these search processes.

## **SIZE OF BAGS**

- It has been recommended to supporters to bring nothing larger than an A4 piece of paper.
- If supporters bring rucksacks or backpacks which are bigger than the recommended size they will be searched and tagged. If they are deemed to be too large, they will be searched, tagged and taken to a secure area for the duration of the match and are to be collected after the match. If a bag is seen inside the ground without a tag, it will be necessary for it to be searched and left in a secure area for collection after the match. The Club takes no responsibility for the bag or its contents in the period that it remains on the Club's premises.

## **BAG SEARCH PROCEDURES**

- Searching of bags will only be conducted by appropriately qualified SIA-badged personnel.
- No bags held by under 16s will be searched without the prior approval of the person's parent, guardian or companion.
- Search personnel will not put their hands into the bags. They should look inside the bag and request the spectator to take out any items of concern. (This measure is also to protect staff, so they do not damage themselves on sharp objects in the bag.)

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## **SPECTATOR SEARCHING**

- The Club retains the right to search any spectators entering the stadium. This is referred to in the stadium's regulations and permission to be searched is granted by a spectator when they purchase a match ticket. Any supporter that subsequently refuses to be searched will be refused admission to the stadium. The Club will make no refund on any ticket purchased to spectators who is denied admittance due to a refusal to be searched.
- All searching will be based on live assessment at the point of entry but the Club reserves the right to introduce a 100% searching policy on personnel for any event or at any time during an event.
- All personal searches will be conducted by suitably qualified SIA-badged personnel. All searches will be conducted on a gender specific basis and, in particular, searches on female spectators should be carried out only by female staff.
- Searches on spectators aged 16 or less will not be carried-out. However, with a parent, guardian or companion prior approval, it is possible to request that the spectators conduct a self pat-down to identify any items that are in contravention of the ground regulations.

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For the avoidance of doubt, the ground regulations stipulate the following items are not permitted within the stadium and may be confiscated: fireworks, smoke canisters, knives, bottles, glasses, cans, flags, banners, poles, stools, crates, fold-up chairs, flasks, pushchairs, children's car seats and other similar articles and containers which might be used as a weapon or missile.

These search measures have been introduced to try and ensure spectators can enjoy a safe environment while watching their sport and pastime. Club personnel and their agents will deliver this policy firmly but politely with understanding. The co-operation of all supporters in delivering this policy successfully would be much appreciated.

**LEEDS RHINOS WILL ASSESS AND INVESTIGATE ALL BREACHES OF GROUND REGULATIONS AND THE SEARCH POLICY. THE ACTION TAKEN WILL BE DETERMINED BY THE INCIDENT SEVERITY.**

*NB. All Leeds Rhinos fixtures are subject to change – please ensure you check on the website prior to attending.*