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SWITZERLAND V ENGLAND

UEFA EURO 2016 QUALIFYING COMPETITION

MONDAY 8 SEPTEMBER 2014

ST JAKOB PARK STADIUM, BASEL, SWITZERLAND

KICK OFF: 8.45PM (LOCAL TIME)

FOREWORD: ROY HODGSON



Dear fans,

Firstly, I'd like to thank you for your support in coming to our important away fixture in Basel. As you will no doubt be aware, this match against Switzerland could prove to be one of our toughest games of the Euro 2016 qualifying campaign and we have to hit the ground running. Your brilliant commitment and effort will undoubtedly help us as we look to get off to the best possible start.

I must also make reference to those of you that came out to Brazil in the summer. It was a bitterly disappointing tournament for the team, coaching staff, myself and – of course – all the fans. We will work very hard to rebuild the faith you have continued to show in us.

The players and staff saw the lengths you went to following the team in Brazil and we hugely appreciated it. The support you gave us in Belo Horizonte was particularly humbling and it makes everyone determined to reward you and the fans back home with good performances and results.

My hope is that England supporters continue to stand alongside us when we represent the nation together. We have some exciting matches coming up – not least this fixture – and some other away games with our local rivals. Our next goal is to qualify for an exciting tournament in France and we will focus all of our efforts on that.

I would also like to take this opportunity to thank Steven Gerrard for his amazing contribution to the England team over a staggering 14-year period and 114 senior caps. He was my first captain as England manager and led our country almost 40 times. His talent, attitude, heart and leadership rank him amongst the great England players of all time and he will be sorely missed.

I respect Steven's decision and we most now all look to the future and the next generation of exciting, young players who can learn by Steven's example. Hopefully our fixture against Switzerland will demonstrate the potential of our talented players and make the game extremely enjoyable for you to watch.

I hope you have a great night at the game, and safe travel to and from Basel.

Thanks again for your brilliant support.

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Roy Hodgson". The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style with a long, sweeping tail on the letter 'n'.

Roy Hodgson
England Manager

GENERAL INFORMATION

Population: Over 8 million (estimate)

Capital: Berne

Largest City: Zurich

Currency: Swiss Franc (CHF)

Official languages: German, French, Italian, Rumantsch

Time: BST + 1 hour

Weather: High 20°C Low 10°C (September average). The weather in Basel for September is quite favourable but is likely to change at any given time, so you may experience the odd shower or two.



TRAVEL INFORMATION

Entry to Switzerland

If you are a British Citizen you will not need a visa to enter Switzerland. Your passport should be valid for the proposed duration of your stay.

Tourist Information

Basel Tourist Office,
Stadt-casino Barfüsserplatz, Steinenberg 14
Tel: +41 (0)61 268 6868

There is also a smaller office at the main train station (Basel SBB).

If you lose your passport you should report it to the nearest police station and to the British Embassy.

The British Embassy

There are no offices in Basel, the nearest is in Berne:

Thunstrasse 50, 3005 Berne
Tel: +41 (0)31 359 7700

Opening hrs: 8.30am – 12.30pm and 1.30pm – 5.00pm
(local time)

www.ukinswitzerland.fco.gov.uk

British Consulate General

There is no office in Basel, the nearest is in Geneva:

37-39 Rue de Vermont (6th Floor), 1211 Geneva 20
Tel: +41 (0)22 918 2400

Opening hrs: 8.30am – 12.30pm and 2.00pm – 5.00pm
(local time)

HEALTH AND SAFETY

Medical care in Switzerland is among the best in the world. For emergencies, you may go to the nearest hospital or emergency practice, or in urgent cases, call the ambulance (144). Each hospital has an emergency department. We would encourage you to make sure that you are adequately insured before you travel.

Basel, like most European cities, is a busy place and generally has low crime rates. However, you should take care around busy areas such as the train station and on public transport. Avoid carrying large amounts of cash with you, and where possible, carry valuable items separately. It is advisable to carry a copy of your passport information page around with you.

If you should find yourself a victim of crime, you should report it to the nearest police station and obtain a police report in order to claim on your insurance.

EMERGENCY NUMBERS

Fire	118
Police	117
Ambulance	144
24hr information on emergency doctors, pharmacies, etc.....	+41 (0)61 261 1515

Country Dialling Code: +41

Area Code: There are no area codes in Switzerland so you will need to dial the whole number given.

MONEY

Cash

The Swiss Franc (CHF) is the official currency of Switzerland. Notes are in denominations of 1,000, 200, 100, 50, 20 and 10 Francs. Coins are in denominations of 5, 2 and 1 Francs and 50, 20, 10 and 5 cents.

Please note that in shops and restaurants many prices are displayed in Swiss Francs and Euros so visitors can compare prices. Some vendors may accept Euros but they are not obliged to do so.



There are plenty of ATMs throughout Switzerland for visitors to withdraw cash. You may be charged a fee for this service so please check with your bank.

Credit cards

Most major credit cards are accepted across Switzerland including Mastercard and Visa. Amex cards are less likely to be accepted.

Travellers cheques

Travellers cheques can be cashed by banks and hotels. Swiss banks are likely to offer the best exchange rates. Other exchange offices and hotels may charge a fee to exchange cheques and foreign currency.

Banking hours

General banking hours are usually 8.30am – 4.30pm Monday to Friday, but there may be some local variations for smaller branches.

Exchanging money

There are foreign exchange offices at all main train stations and these have similar, if not identical, rates to the banks and are open daily. Remember you will need your passport with you if you want to exchange cash.

GETTING AROUND

FROM THE AIRPORT:

From EuroAirport

The #50 bus links EuroAirport in France with Basel city centre. Buses run every 15 minutes to Basel SBB Station. The journey takes approximately 15 minutes. The airport is approximately 5km northwest of Basel city centre.

NOTE: Take care when leaving the airport to exit into Switzerland, and not into France. The signposting is not particularly clear, and using the wrong exit will mean passing back through passport control again.

From Zurich Airport

Trains depart frequently from Zurich Airport to Basel SBB Station. Depending on the time of departure, the journey can take between 1 hr 20 mins – 1 hr 40 mins.

PUBLIC TRANSPORT:

Trams and buses

During peak times there is a tram or a bus every 6 minutes, and every 15 minutes off peak (from late evening). Some trams are only operational during rush-hour. Buses run from 5.00am until approximately 11.30pm and virtually all trams and buses pass through Barfüsserplatz; the main square.

Please check the local timetables for up to date timing information.





OUT AND ABOUT

Food & Drink

The two main squares, Marktplatz and Barfüsserplatz, are in the middle of the old town centre, with shops and cafes in abundance. Nearby Steinenvorstadt is a pedestrianised street with many pubs and restaurants.

Swiss cuisine combines influences from German, French and North Italian cuisine. A local speciality is salmon marinated with a local fruity wine and garnished with fried onions.

For dessert, Basler Lächerli – a firm gingerbread biscuit with a sugar icing – lists among Basel's best known treats. Another local delicacy is Mässmogge, small colourful sweets filled with a hazelnut praline.

Tipping

You never have to worry about tipping in Switzerland, as tips are included in the price.

MATCH INFORMATION

SWITZERLAND v ENGLAND

Date: Monday 8 September 2014

Venue: St. Jakob Park, Basel

Kick Off: 8.45pm (local time)

Capacity: 37,500

Switzerland Kit: All Red

England Kit: All White

(Kit colours may be subject to change.)



THE HISTORY

The last time England faced Switzerland we had to come from two goals down to earn a point in the final Euro 2012 qualifier of the season at Wembley Stadium.

Two Tranquillo Barnetta free-kicks had given the Swiss a deserved two-goal lead, but a Frank Lampard penalty and an Ashley Young strike got the hosts back on level terms.

England began brightly on a glorious June afternoon. Lone striker Bent broke free down the inside left channel after evading the Swiss offside trap and crossed for Theo Walcott, but his former Arsenal team-mate Philippe Senderos got there just ahead of the winger to clear the danger.

A Lampard corner just moments later was met in the air by Glen Johnson but Switzerland 'keeper Diego Benaglio produced a smart save to deny the right-back an early opener.

After repelling those two England attacks, Switzerland, who have never beaten the Three Lions at Wembley, then gained the upper hand for the next 15 minutes and forced Joe Hart into action. First, Eren Derdiyok tested the City stopper with an angled drive before trying his luck from further out. John Terry's misplaced pass was picked up by the Bayer Leverkusen front man whose left-foot strike was deflected by the boot of Rio Ferdinand and Hart did well to readjust.

Two headed efforts from James Milner and Ferdinand respectively were the closest England came before Ottmar Hitzfeld's side took a quick-fire two-goal lead, and both goals came from the same source.

THE HISTORY

On 32 minutes, Barnetta curled an in-swinging free-kick into the England box which evaded everyone and bounced beyond Hart into the far corner. Lightning struck twice just three minutes later. From a more acute angle, Barnetta whipped a second free-kick between the gap in England's two-man wall and the ball squeezed just inside the near post despite Hart's desperate lunge.

England poured forward from the restart until the ball eventually found itself at the feet of Jack Wilshere. His nimble feet allowed him to skip past a couple of Swiss defenders and into the box before he was tripped by his Gunners team-mate Johan Djourou. Lampard stepped up and drilled the subsequent spot-kick beyond Benaglio to haul the Three Lions right back into the contest.

England's goalscorer was sacrificed at half-time as Capello introduced Young with a view to injecting some fresh impetus up top and this substitution paid dividends just six minutes into the second half. Milner clipped a ball into the box which Leighton Baines, on in the first half for the injured Ashley Cole, chested into the path of Young who was lurking on the edge of the box. Young didn't need a second invitation and rifled home his second international goal.

Now on level terms, England had the majority of the half to complete the comeback, though Switzerland were in no mood to sacrifice their lead without a fight. The visitors regained their composure and the game settled into the even contest the scoreline suggested.

Man of the Match Young then shot over following Walcott's square ball before Bent missed a wonderful opportunity to put England ahead. Young was again at the heart of the action and it was his firm shot which was parried by Benaglio. The rebound found its way to Bent but, with the goal at his mercy, he somehow contrived to fire over with his left foot from eight yards out.

England's match history with Switzerland (last 3 meetings)

Match Date	Competition	Stadium	Score	Result
04 Jun 2011	UEFA European Championship	Wembley Stadium	2-2	Draw
07 Sep 2010	UEFA European Championship	St Jakob Park, Basel	1-3	Win
06 Feb 2008	International	Wembley Stadium	2-1	Win

England's match record against Switzerland in all competitions:

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STADIUM INFORMATION

KEY FACTS:

Club: FC Basel **Opening:** 2001 **Capacity:** 37,500 seats



History and description

St. Jakob Park is located in the south-east of the city of Basel, about 3 kilometres from Basel's city centre. Included within the St. Jakob Park complex is a shopping mall and a 70-metre tall residential tower.

St. Jakob Park, nicknamed Joggeli, is the largest stadium in Switzerland. Construction of the stadium began in December 1998 after the old stadium had been demolished.

The first match played at the stadium was between Basel and Lausanne Sport on the 15th of March 2001. Six months later the stadium was officially inaugurated.

During the UEFA Euro 2008 championships three group matches, two quarter-finals, and the semi-final between Germany and Turkey (3-2) were played at St. Jakob Park.

One of the key features of the stadium is its design by Herzog & de Meuron, particularly its exterior that lights up at night like the Allianz Arena, also designed by the same architects.

STADIUM INFORMATION

GETTING TO THE STADIUM:

We have been advised that special free shuttle buses will run from the city centre to the stadium on match day, from 6.30pm until 8.00pm. Further details will be published on the England Supporters Club website.

By Tram

Tram line 14 from Basel's city centre (in the direction of MuttENZ or Pratteln) stops by the stadium – the stop is named St. Jakob.

By Train

St. Jakob Park has its own train station with the same name. Regular trains depart from Basel's central station for the 8 min journey.

By Bus

Not far from the stadium are the stops "St. James" on BVB bus line 36 and BLT bus lines 37 and 47.

After a game, the stadium may not be served by buses. Normally the stadium tannoy system will inform spectators after the final whistle regarding the nearest bus stops.

FA OFFICE

FA Representatives in Switzerland

The FA were provided with an allocation of 2,300 tickets for this fixture for members of the England Supporters Travel Club.

Should members wish to register their attendance (sign in for proof of travel), collect their ticket or experience any difficulties with ticketing arrangements for this match, please be advised that arrangements have been made for FA representatives to work from a temporary office.

FA office in Basel:

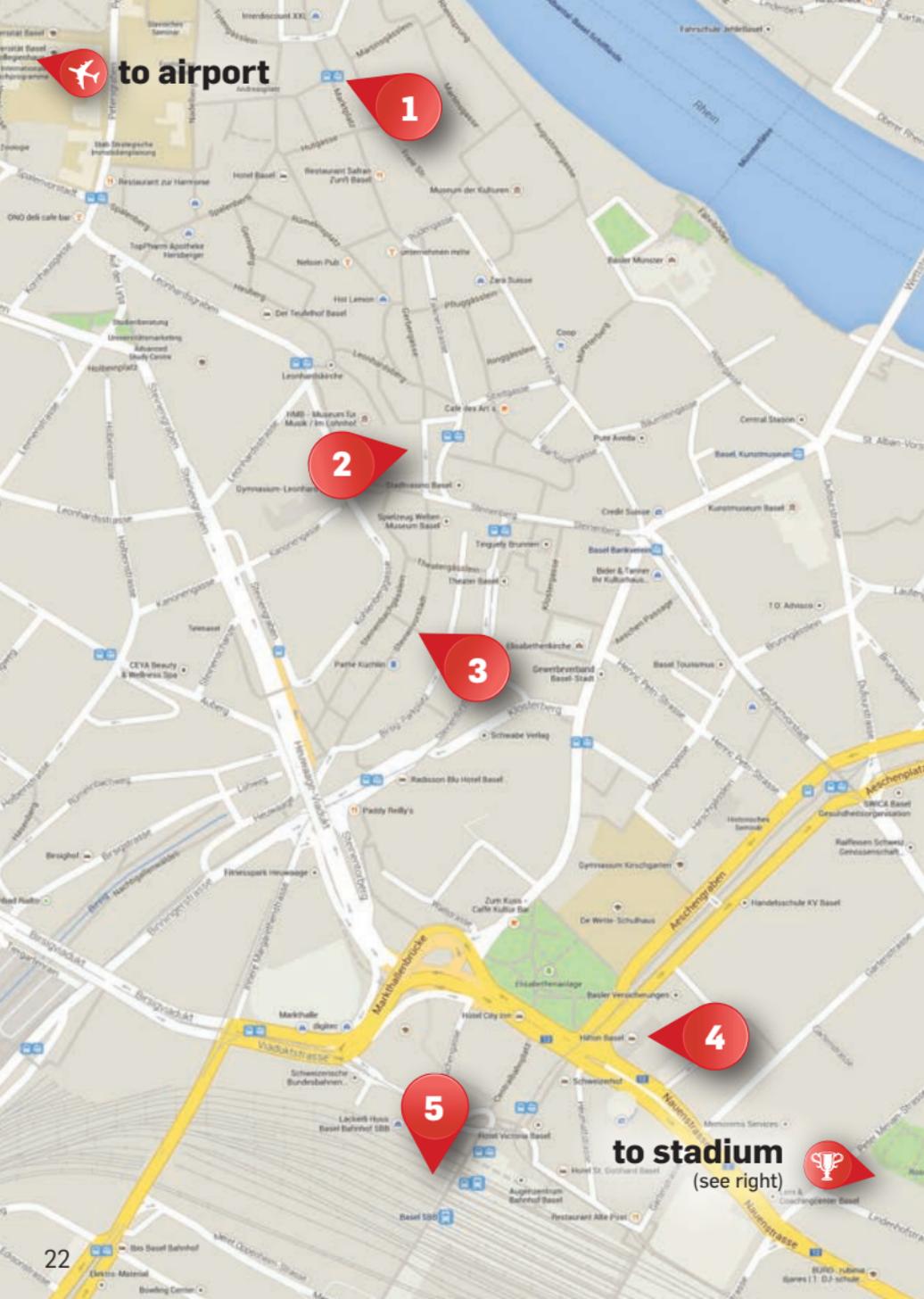
Monday 08 September 10.30am – 5.30pm

FA representatives will be located on the lower ground floor at the Hilton Hotel Basel (Aeschengraben 31, Basel, Switzerland 4051)

Monday 08 September 7.00pm– 8.45pm

FA representatives will be located in a ticket office at the St. Jakob Park stadium next to Gate B (the England entrance).

For general enquiries during office hours please call 00 44 (0)7970 146250. This number can also be used in the case of an emergency outside the office hours stated.

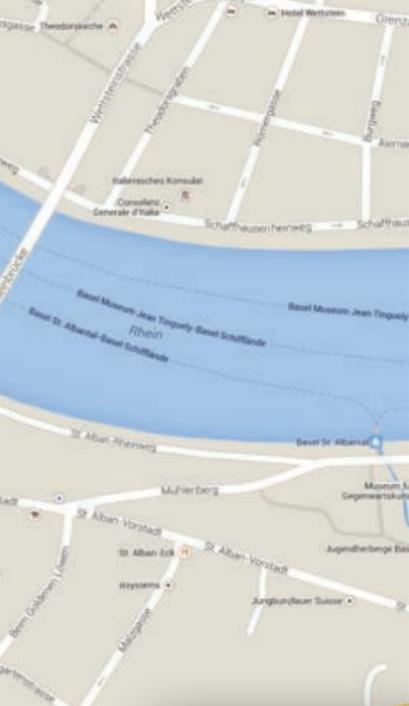


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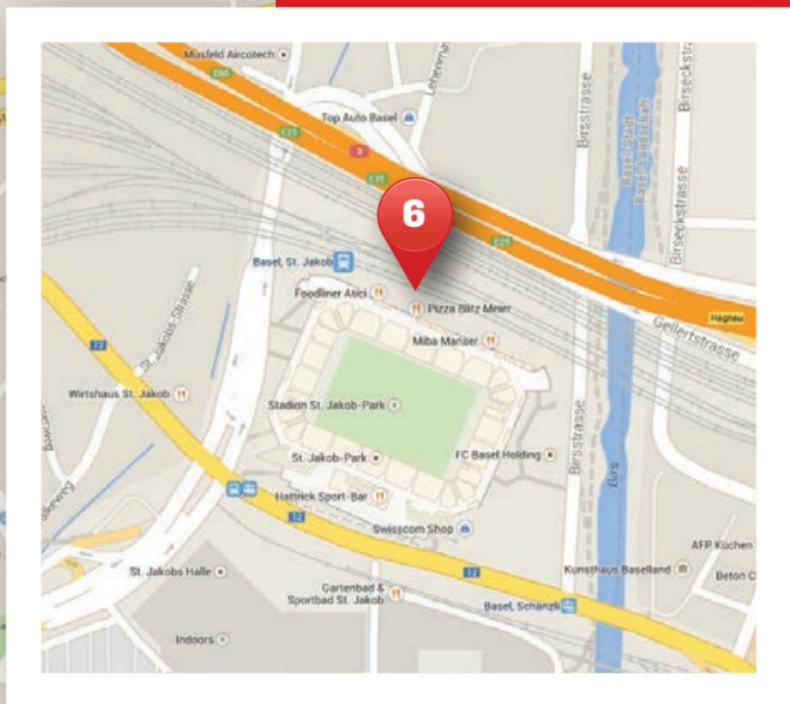


KEY FOR MAP

- 1 Marktplatz square
- 2 Barfüsserplatz square
- 3 Steinenvorstadt
- 3 Hilton Hotel Basel (FA office)
- 5 Basel SBB train station
- 6 St Jakob Park Stadium

St Jakob Park Stadium Address

Sankt Jakobs-Strasse 395
4052 Basel
Schweiz



TICKET COLLECTION INFORMATION

Collecting Your Ticket?

If you are collecting your ticket for the match from us in Basel please ensure you bring your membership card with you for identification purposes. We are unable to provide tickets to members who do not carry any form of photographic identification.

Please note: If you are part of a group, each member must collect in person. It is not possible for another member to collect your ticket on your behalf.

Lost or Stolen Tickets

Please note we will not be in a position to provide duplicate tickets for members who lose their ticket or have their ticket stolen.

Sign in at the Office

If you are travelling by car/train and will not be staying overnight in Basel, clearly you will not easily be able to supply proof of travel after the match. Therefore we advise these members to register their attendance in The FA offices in Basel.

PROOF OF TRAVEL AND TICKETING INFORMATION

We would like to remind everyone travelling to Basel that the normal Proof of Travel rules apply.

Sign In at the Office

The easiest way to gain your caps without having to provide Proof of Travel is for members to register their attendance in The FA office in Basel.

Compulsory Travel Forms

If you choose not to sign in at the office, then a Proof of Travel form will need to be returned to us after the match. This form can be downloaded from the England Supporters Travel Club website and Proof of Travel must be returned to us no later than 5.00pm on Monday 29 September.

Accepted items for Proof of Travel include:

- Original named printed flight boarding card
- Original named hotel receipt

Please take note that we will not accept the following items as Proof of Travel:

- Email booking confirmations
- Unnamed / handwritten boarding cards
- Photocopied documents

STADIUM REGULATIONS

For a full list of the stadium regulations, please visit the England Supporters Club website at www.englishsupportersclub.com.

Authorized group of persons

- Persons who have a valid entrance ticket or an authorized pass, as well as – for football games – a valid identification paper (ID or drivers licence) are entitled to be admitted. Every person shall accept the Stadium Rules of St. Jakob Park Basel in all its points with the purchase of the entrance ticket and/ or upon entering the stadium St. Jakob Park Basel.
- Even if they are in possession of a valid entrance ticket, persons who are under a stadium ban or are under the influence of alcohol and/or drugs shall not have the right to enter and remain in the Stadium St. Jakob Park Basel.

Access check; Duty of Identification

- Every person must undergo the entrance control of the control and security service. When entering the stadium the person shall be obliged to show the stadium's control and security service and/or the police his/her entrance ticket or authorized pass and to hand this over for checking. This also applies to the identification paper for visitors of a football match when entering and during the whole event. In the case of refusal the control and security service shall be entitled to refuse access to the stadium, resp. to expel the person from the stadium.
- The control and security service is entitled to search persons – including with use of technical

means – as to whether they represent a security risk as a result of alcohol and/or drug influence or carrying weapons or (fire)hazardous items. The control and security service is entitled to search items of clothing and any containers the person may carry.

Behaviour in the stadium

- All persons entering the stadium must behave in such a manner that no other person in the stadium is injured, endangered or is hindered or molested – more than avoidable – due to the circumstances. During their presence in the stadium the persons must follow the instructions issued by the control and security service, the stadium speaker or the police.
- All persons entering the stadium must take the place allocated and as shown on the entrance ticket and use the designated access routes on their way there. In as far as public presence is permitted on the playing area (concert etc.) and in as far as there are standing room sectors, the persons must move within their allocated sector.
- For safety reasons and to ward off danger, the visitors shall be obliged to take seats other than those noted on their entrance ticket – including those in other sectors – upon instruction from the control and security service or the police.
- All flights of stairs, staircases, rescue paths and emergency exits must be kept free at all times.

Prohibited items and behaviour

- It is prohibited to bring the following items into the stadium:
 - Weapons or items resembling weapons (guns, knives, knuckle dusters, baseball bats etc.);
 - Pyrotechnical articles (Bengal lights, crackers, smoke powder, petards etc.);
 - Gas spray cans, pepper spray, caustic or colouring substances, pressure containers with health damaging gases (excluding commercial cigarette lighters);
 - Utensils which may be used as missiles;
 - Cans, glass and PET bottles, Tetra packs;
 - Suitcases, sporting bags, large backpacks, large bags (bags up to a max. size of 25x25x25 cm are permitted);
 - Umbrellas, helmets and other bulky items;
 - Laser pointers;
 - Megaphone (except with prior authority);
 - Video cameras and professional camera equipment;
 - Racist, anti-foreigner, radical, sexist or political propaganda material;
 - Banners etc. with slogans which are damaging to personality or honour;
 - Animals.
- Visitors to the stadium and the stadium area of the St. Jakob Park Basel are prohibited from,
 - entering the playing field;
 - throwing items on the playing field or other tiers in the stadium St. Jakob Park Basel;

- masquerading themselves;
- lighting fires, lighting or burning off pyrotechnical items, flares, smoke powder, smoke bombs or other pyrotechnical articles;
- expressing or spreading racist, anti-foreigner, radical, sexist or political parols and emblems or such which are damaging to honour and personality;
- consuming drugs;
- participating in argumentative disputes, behaving aggressively or insulting, provoking and/or injuring other persons;
- climbing onto or over buildings and facilities, in particular facades, fences, walls, enclosures of the playing area, barricades, camera platforms etc;
- showing rude behaviour towards players, referees, functionaries or control and security service personnel;
- staying in areas which are not part of the areas open to the public;
- endangering or hampering in any other manner the safety in the stadium as well as on the stadium area St. Jakob Park Basel and the proper conduct of the event by one's own behaviour.

Flags

- Flags with a hollow plastic pole up to 600 cm length are permitted. Larger flags require prior approval from the organiser.
- Flag poles of wood or metal are not permitted. Large size slogan banners or propaganda banners, as well as larger quantities of paper require the prior approval from the organiser.



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