RDS Ground Rules

A simple guide to help everyone enjoy a safe, welcoming and accessible visit.

CONTACTLESS VENUE
The RDS is a contactless venue.

ACCESSIBILITY
We aim to make the RDS accessible and welcoming for all.

These Ground Rules apply across the RDS and may be supplemented by event-specific terms or instructions.

1. Before you arrive

- Please check your event information before travelling. Entry requirements can vary by event.
- Please have a valid ticket ready for inspection. Entry is subject to the instructions of the RDS, authorised stewards and An Garda Síochána.
- Children under 14 must be accompanied and supervised at all times by an adult aged 18 or over. Adults supervising groups are responsible for those in their care.

2. Entry, security and tickets

- Security searches may take place before or after entry. If you refuse a search, you may be refused entry or asked to leave.
- Entry may be refused, or you may be asked to leave, where this is reasonably necessary for safety, security or the enjoyment of others.
- Tickets may not be transferred or resold without prior written permission from the relevant organiser, where applicable. Unauthorised resale may result in the ticket being cancelled or confiscated.
- Anyone subject to a current Banning Order cannot attend an event.

3. Bags & Prohibited Items

For everyone's safety, the RDS operates a small-bag-only policy.

Only one bag per person is permitted, with a maximum size of A4 (297mm × 210mm × 210mm). Bags that are folded, compressed or otherwise altered to meet the size limit will not be accepted. All bags are subject to security screening, and where there is any doubt regarding size, a bag gauge may be used. Bags that do not comply with these requirements will not be permitted into the venue.

Please travel light and bring only essential items to help ensure safe and efficient entry for all visitors.

The following items are not permitted within the RDS:

- Weapons, knives, or any item that could be used as a weapon
- Fireworks, flares, smoke canisters and pyrotechnics
- Air horns, vuvuzelas and similar noise-making devices
- Laser pens or laser devices
- Glass bottles, cans and other breakable containers
- Poles, flagpoles, banner poles or similar items
- Prams, pushchairs and buggies
- Drones, UAVs or remotely controlled aircraft without prior written authorisation from the RDS

Fireworks, flares, smoke canisters and pyrotechnics are prohibited by law. The possession or use of any prohibited item may result in refusal of entry, removal from the venue, a venue ban and/or referral to An Garda Síochána.

4. Respect everyone

- We want everyone to feel safe and welcome. Threatening, abusive or foul language and behaviour are not acceptable.
- Racist, homophobic or other discriminatory abuse, chanting or harassment is strictly prohibited.
- Serious or repeated breaches may result in ejection, a venue ban and/or referral to An Garda Síochána.
- Please follow the instructions of event staff, stewards and An Garda Síochána. Refusing a reasonable instruction may result in ejection.

5. Staying safe inside the RDS

- Please remain in the seat or area shown on your ticket and follow any instructions about moving between areas.
- Do not throw anything onto the pitch or enter the playing area or another restricted area without lawful authority.
- Please keep gangways, stairs, entrances, exits and access routes clear. Do not climb structures.
- Where seating is provided, please remain seated while play is in progress. Persistent standing may result in ejection.
- Please only enter supporter areas designated for your group.
- Alcohol must not be brought into the RDS. Anyone who is, or appears to be, under the influence of alcohol or drugs may be refused entry or removed.
- Smoking and vaping, including e-cigarettes and other electronic nicotine devices, are not permitted anywhere within the RDS.

6. Accessibility and inclusion

- The RDS aims to provide an accessible and welcoming experience for all visitors. Accessible parking, facilities and venue access are available for visitors with disabilities.
- Guide dogs and assistance dogs are welcome, subject to event-specific arrangements.
- If you need accessible seating, assistance or other reasonable support, please contact the event organiser or ticketing provider before your visit where possible.
- For detailed information about accessible facilities and planning your visit, please see the RDS Accessibility Policy / Access Guide.

7. Contactless venue

- The RDS is a contactless venue. Please bring a suitable contactless payment method for purchases at the venue.
- Payment arrangements can vary by event and operator. Please check your event information for any event-specific payment details.

8. Photography, recording and commercial activity

- Photography and filming may take place at the RDS during events. By entering, you acknowledge that you may appear in event or venue photography and video, including material used for marketing or promotional purposes, subject to applicable law.
- Personal photography and video for private, non-commercial use is generally permitted unless event-specific rules say otherwise.
- Unless appropriately authorised or licensed, do not make or transmit recordings of an event for commercial or other unauthorised purposes.
- Do not bring or display sponsorship, promotional or marketing materials, or sell or distribute goods or literature, without prior written permission from the relevant organiser or the RDS.

9. CCTV and privacy

- CCTV operates throughout the RDS for security, event operations, health and safety and related purposes.

- Personal data is processed in accordance with applicable data protection law, including the GDPR. Where legally permitted, CCTV footage may be shared with An Garda Síochána or other authorities.

10. Event changes and cancellations

- Events may be delayed, rescheduled or cancelled. The relevant ticket terms and conditions will apply to any refund.
- To the maximum extent permitted by law, the RDS and/or event organiser is not responsible for indirect losses or costs arising from an event being delayed, rescheduled or cancelled.

11. If these rules are not followed

- Anyone who breaches these Ground Rules, refuses a reasonable instruction, or whose presence could reasonably create a danger, nuisance or annoyance to others may be refused entry or asked to leave.
- Further action may be taken where appropriate, including a venue ban, confiscation of prohibited items or referral to An Garda Síochána.
- By entering the RDS, you agree to follow these Ground Rules and any reasonable event-specific instructions.