

Event Overview

The Promoter, Boxxer, have proposed a boxing fight between Lawrence Okolie Vs Chris Billam-Smith fight, to be held at AFC Bournemouth's Vitality Stadium on the 27th of May, 2023. In addition, a number of Undercard boxing matches are proposed prior to this main fight.

Boxxer is an established and professional boxing promotion company that has been working in partnership with Sky Sports for several years and is licensed by the BBBoC. Boxxer is a professional boxing promotions company operating between 15-20 events per year, nationally and internationally.

The event is planned to run between 4.30 pm and finish at 11.30 pm, with the audience leaving within 30 minutes after the event finishes. The actual times of the matches may change to allow for extended bouts and injuries etc. Alcohol sales will cease at 11.00 pm

The ticket-only entry will be controlled by SIA-licensed security or suitably trained and experienced Club safety stewards. Entrance will be via turnstiles for stand seating and SG1 & SG2 for pitch seated spectators, the latter via festival style lanes and tickets processed by hand held scanners.

The licence variation is for up to 14,999 capacity, but the primary planning has accounted for 14,565 persons present to include both ticket purchasers and other persons present (staff, broadcasters, contractors, etc.). Of this number, up to 5,307 seats will be located on the pitch and will be serviced for food and beverages via units on the pitch, with the potential for some smaller food only units to be located external to the South Stand within a barriered and controlled area. Toileting for pitch spectators is provided within the South Stand, with additional portable units, including accessible provision, in the external secure area.

Bournemouth Football Club have applied for a 14,999 licensed capacity using three sides of the stadium (North, East, and West stands being used) with 5307 seats being created on the pitch. Additional areas outside of the south stand area may need to be used for the comfort and hospitality requirements, including WCs, food and possibly bar facilities, although it is our current intention to keep alcohol sales within the arena perimeter. If it is necessary due to additional stand use, there could be a requirement for 2 to 3 additional bars in the external area outside the south stand.

The boxing ring and associated audio-visual equipment will be installed on the pitch. It will be erected by specialist personnel with experience in setting up outdoor rings, and safety measures will include good lighting and weather protection.

There will be incidental DJ music from a temporary stage on the pitch throughout until about 11.30 pm. For avoidance of doubt on the wording of existing licence conditions, amendments have been sought to conditions 2.11 and 2.26. Permission for entertainment between 10pm and 11.30pm is sought

from the Environmental Health Team for this event under condition 2.25 resulting in specific noise controls being agreed with the Team in this respect.

Boxxer will provide its own security to manage the arrival of the competitors and tunnel area, the ring walk for boxers and the pitch-side seating while AFC Bournemouth provides and manages stewarding and security for all other areas.

Implementation

Responsibilities for leading and managing event safety are as follows;

The Chief Executive sets out the Club's vision for event safety at AFC Bournemouth through its Policy Statement and ensures the management team puts in place operational plans and procedures to implement it. Through this policy it allocates roles and responsibilities for this along with the required resources. The Board receives regular reports on the operation of this policy and monitors its success and review as necessary.

The Board has nominated the Chief Executive as representative of the company to take ultimate responsibility for safety on its behalf.

The Operations Director ensures that the Board's vision for event safety as set out in its All Persons Present Safety Policy Statement is implemented. They are supported by the Board, the Management Team, the Promotor, contractors and other safety agencies and will ensure that appropriate systems, procedures, advice and resources are available.

In the event of a serious or potentially serious event safety related incident they ensure The Board is kept informed as to business continuity, disaster recovery, stakeholder management and provide support with strategic and media briefings.

The Safety Officer is AFC Bournemouth's nominated representative with responsibility for implementing event safety and is qualified and competent to undertake the role. They lead the production of the Safety Management Plans, Contingency Plans and Operations Manual required under the General Safety Certificate.

They are responsible for the pre-match inspections, training, exercises, briefings, risk assessments, contingency planning, checks planning based on risks and intelligence.

Their strategic, tactical and event planning is made in conjunction with other relevant agencies and will cover all areas under the control of AFC Bournemouth. They also lead the provision of appropriate event Control Room staff, stewarding, security, fire, medical teams.

The Operations Director nominates a designated Safety Officer for event or, if for any reason they are not available, nominates a deputy, and they are supported by a control room team, stewards, fire safety, medical and security staff as required, having carried an assessment of relevant risks.

The Safety Officer has precedence and overall authority for event safety operations. In the event of a serious or potentially serious safety related incident, they will direct safety responses and ensure the Chief Executive and/or Operations Director, as appropriate, is kept informed.

The Safety Officer is authorised by the Board to take all event safety related decisions on its behalf. In the case of an emergency evacuation the Safety Officer must inform the Operations Director or in their absence the Chief Executive as soon as is reasonably practicable.

All employees comply with the requirements of this policy and support their directorate by putting in place and following appropriate systems and procedures.

Boxer

Under normal operating circumstances, the delivery of the boxing show will be run by the various departments, all reporting in to the Venue Manager & Venue H&S Officer via the Production Manager, Production Safety Manager, Ringside Security Manager and other heads of department. Members of that team with specific duties are as follows:

Event Director – Baz Arjomand

Make overall strategic decisions as to the boxing show and consult with Cub safety team concerning the management and operation of the boxing matches, including strategic decisions concerning security and crowd management matters.

Event Lead – Graham Lord

To ensure that all aspects of the event infrastructure are built to the correct specifications, that all production infrastructure is within the venue limitations and that any technical information is passed to the venue; and that during the event, all site infrastructure remains in place following local authority and venue inspections and to deal with any event infrastructure related problems that may occur during the event.

Head of Ringside Security Backstage – Mike Payne

To manage the safe arrival and movement of competitors and VIPs, including their security, as well as managing production guests and maintain the integrity of the show within the Golden Circle; the ringside security team will be responsible for escorting the fighters to the ring and back to dressing rooms and removing participants to a place of safety and ultimately, to their transport in the case of an evacuation.

To have overall responsibility for the stewarding and safety supervision of the pitch seated spectators, including preventing migration from stand spectators to that area.

Note: at least one of the boxers and several guests have their own personal security; the Ringside Security Manager will liaise with these groups, and the Stadium Safety Officer will brief them on expectations and the limits of their responsibility within the Stadium.

Sky TV Production Manager – Harriet (Hattie) Jackson

The Sky TV Production Manager is responsible for installing and managing all aspects of broadcast infrastructure. In an incident or emergency, the TV Production Manager is the liaison between the stadium, Boxxer and Sky.

Production Safety Manager - Ibrar Haque (ibs)

Ensures that the policies developed by the production team are implemented. Event Management Plan implemented and also auditing the safety management process. During the show, provides a point of contact between the stadium control room, stadium health and safety team and the event manager and the team; Additionally, produce and distribute documentation relating to overall event safety and ensure the integrity of the organiser. There will be health & safety management coverage throughout the build, event and de-rig period.

Linked Documents

- ✓ Contingency Plan
- ✓ Capacity Calculations
- ✓ Fire Risk Management Plan
- ✓ Guide to Public Safety Planning and Operations
- ✓ Guide to Spectator Safety (Green Guide)
- ✓ Health and Safety at Work Policy
- ✓ Statement of Intent
- ✓ Induction & Training Records
- ✓ Maintenance Plan and Recorded Findings
- ✓ Medical Plan
- ✓ Pre-Event Action Plans
- ✓ Generic Risk Assessments
- ✓ Event Specific Risk Assessments
- ✓ Briefing Documents
- ✓ Safeguarding Policy
- ✓ Staff Handbook
- ✓ Waste Management Plan
- ✓ Premises Licence