



**RULES FOR AWAY FANS IN TURKEY  
AND  
LEGAL CONSEQUENCES OF  
VIOLATION**

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ARE TRAVELLING TO TURKEY  
TO WATCH A FOOTBALL  
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# INTRODUCTION

Although international football games held in Turkey (UEFA Champions League, Europe League and Conference League) are organised by UEFA, the rules to be followed by the away fans in Turkey at the stadiums or wherever they are located are regulated by the laws enacted by the Turkish Republic.

Those rules and sanctions are listed in the Law No. 6222 on the Prevention of Violence and Disorder in Sports, which is in force in Turkey. You will be subject to this Law during your journey in Turkey.

This Booklet is prepared as a manual to the rules you must follow in and around the stadiums as an away fan in Turkey, and the sanctions likely to be imposed on you if you do not comply with these rules.

You should act in accordance with the rules in this booklet during your stay in Turkey, and immediately notify the Club if you have any problem with the stadium officials or the police regarding the circumstances indicated in this Booklet.



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## II. PREMISES SUBJECT TO THE LAW IN TURKEY

In the first place, you should not think that the prohibited acts and sanctions listed below can only be applicable in the stadium during the game. The abovementioned Law No. 6222 is very broadly furnished in terms of time and area of applicability. For this reason, you should comply with these rules not only during the 1.FC Heidenheim 1846 - Başakşehir İstanbul game but at the following locations before and after the game:

- In the stadium where the game will be held and in the tribunes
- Around stadium and at the entrance of the stadium
- At the places where you gather before the game (pubs, bars, restaurants, parks and etc. where you be at collectively which are not related to the stadium)
- On the ways to and from the stadium
- On the vehicles you are transported to the stadium collectively

## III. RULES AND SANCTIONS

### 1. Prohibited Goods in Stadiums

Following items are not allowed to be brought into stadiums, tribunes and vehicles if you are going to the stadium collectively by bus or etc:

- **Firearms**, even if registered,
- All kinds of sharp and injurious objects (**knife, pocket knife and etc.**)
- All kinds of inflammable, caustic and explosive material (**torch, lighter and etc.**)
- All kinds of **drugs** (any drug, not just chemical ones, including weed or marijuana)

If you bring any of such goods into the aforementioned areas, you will be **detained by the police** and sentenced to imprisonment from **6 months to 2 years**. For this sanction to be applied, it is sufficient to bring the specified goods into the given places, you do not need to use them. If you give

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any of such goods to other fans in the stadium, you will be sentenced to imprisonment from **2 years to 5 years**.

If you use any of the goods or substances and so disturb the game peace (for example, if you light a torch or throw a pocket knife to the field during the game and therefore cause the game to pause) you will be **detained by the police** and sentenced to imprisonment **from 1 year to 5 years**.

In addition, **Banners** containing prohibited substances (alcohol, drugs, weapons, cutting tools, etc.) as well as images that evoke death and violence **are not allowed** into the stadium by the police.

## **2. Alcohol and Drug Abuse**

Possession of drugs is a crime all over Turkey and the sanction is imprisonment **from 2 years to 5 years**. In addition, giving someone drug (even if it is free of charge) is approached more seriously as a crime and the sanction is **at least 10 years** of imprisonment. **Therefore, it is a very serious crime to have drugs (including hash, marijuana and etc.) on you, not only during the game but during your stay in Turkey.**

According to the regulations in the law, it is prohibited to bring alcohol into the stadiums in order to prevent the riot. You can consume alcohol in all places where alcohol is allowed in Turkey, but you cannot enter into the stadium with a booze in hand! **Do not try on sneaking booze into the stadium either!**

If you attempt to enter into the stadium with an alcoholic beverage, you will be restrained from entering into the stadium, detained by the police and fined.

It is not prohibited to enter into the stadium intoxicated but if you are drunk enough to bother the crowd or cause serious harm, you may be taken out of the stadium during the game by the security guards or the police. Please make sure not to resist the security guards or police officer to avoid any legal action to be taken against you!

## **3. Acclamations and Banners Containing Insult or Threat**

It is prohibited to insult (curse) or threaten by acclamations in the stadium. If you are found to have made such statements you may be fined.

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Any form of expression containing hate speech in the stadium is a more serious crime. If you discriminate anyone (football players, rival supporters, managers and etc.) by acclamation in the stadium/tribunes collectively or by yourself on the basis of religion, language, race, colour, gender and sect, you will be detained by the police and sentenced to imprisonment **from 1 year to 3 years.**

Such offenses do not have to be committed orally but may be committed by actions. For example, “slit your throat” gesture is most likely to serve as a threat or throwing banana peel is definitely a racist attitude containing hate speech. In such cases, the sanctions mentioned above are applicable.

If such offenses are committed by a written banner, the same procedure applies but sanctions to be imposed will be increased by half.

In addition, please note that all banners will be checked at the stadium entrance and those deemed "objectionable" by the police may not be allowed into the stadium. For example; banners with political content or with a political figure on them, with alcohol or drugs, or banners that could be interpreted as violent may not be allowed into the stadium by the police!

#### **4. Attempt to Gatecrash**

Gatecrash (enter into stadium without an invitation or a ticket) is a crime in Turkey. If you attempt to gatecrash the stadium, you will be detained by the police, spend the night at the police station and be fined at 25.000,00 TRY (approx EUR 675).

#### **5. Entering the No-Go Areas**

When you enter the stadium, you should only enter into tribunes, stay there during the game and leave the stadium as soon as the game ends. During the entry and exit, you should strictly follow the instructions of the stadium officials and the police.

After entering the stadium, if you try to sneak into the game field, exit tunnels of the players or locker rooms or aisles, you will immediately be detained by the police and sentenced to imprisonment **from 3 months to 1 year.** If you cause the game to pause by doing so (for example enter into the field during the game) the penalty to be imposed on you will increase and **you will be sentenced to imprisonment from 1 year to 3 years.**

#### **6. Fight, Injury and Damage to Property**



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To injure someone or damage their property is a crime not only in game fields but all over Turkey. But if such acts are committed in game fields, sanctions to be imposed will be more severe. According to this;

- If you fight in the stadium/tribunes and cause bodily injury (a fist serves as an act to cause bodily injury!) you will immediately be detained by the police and sentenced to imprisonment **from 1,5 years to 4,5 years.**
- If you cause damage to someone's property (mobile phone, bag and etc.) you will immediately be detained by the police and sentenced to imprisonment **from 6 months to 4,5 years.**
- It is a more serious offense if you damage stadium property since the goods in the sports facilities are considered as public property according to the Turkish Law. For example, if you break the seats at the stadium, damage the furniture at the aisles or in the field you will immediately be detained by the police and sentenced to imprisonment **from 2 years to 6 years.**

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