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Statistical News Release: Football-related arrests and banning orders, England and Wales, season 2014-15

The Home Office published today the latest Official Statistics on football-related arrests and banning orders in England and Wales.

The release provides statistics on football-related arrests and banning orders in connection with regulated international and domestic football matches¹ involving teams from, or representing, England and Wales.

The release covers data on football banning orders in force as at 8 September 2015. This includes information by league, club and trends over the last five years. It also covers data on football-related arrests made during the 2014-15 football season by league, offence type, location and football-related arrest rates. Five year trends for football-related arrests are also provided by league and offence type.

Football banning orders as at 8 September 2015

- There were 2,181 football banning orders in force; this represents a decrease of 4% (-92) on the number of banning orders as at 3 September 2014.
- The Premier League accounted for 37% (802) of the total number of banning orders.
- There has been a steady decline in the total number of football banning orders over the last five years, falling by almost a third (31%) from a high of 3,174 as at 29 November 2011.
- Since 4 September 2014, 484 new football banning orders have been issued; a decrease of 29% (-194) when compared with the previous year.
- The number of new football banning orders issued since 2010-11 has decreased overall (from 960 in 2010-11 to 484 in 2014-15) with the exception of 2013-14 where there was an increase of 44% (207) on the previous year.

¹ Article 3 of the Football Spectators (Prescription) Order 2004 (as amended) sets out what a regulated match is: <http://www.legislation.gov.uk/ukxi/2004/2409/contents/made>

Football-related arrests for the 2014-15 football season

- There were 1,873 football-related arrests; a decrease of 18% (-400) from the previous season.
- There has been a steady decrease in football-related arrests over the last five football seasons with the exception of the 2012-13 season, which increased by 4% (93) from the previous season.
- The highest number of football-related arrests occurred within the Premier League, 31% (580); the second highest occurred within the Championship, 29% (538).
- There were 4.9 football-related arrests per 100,000 attendees².
- The Football Conference had the highest football-related arrest rate, 7.4 arrests per 100,000 attendees. In comparison, the lowest were the European competitions³ and the Football League Trophy with 1.8 arrests per 100,000 attendees.
- Of the 1,873 football-related arrests, the three most common offence types were public disorder (34%), alcohol offences (22%) and violent disorder (16%).

Notes to editors

1. Football-related banning orders and arrests, England and Wales, season 2014-15 is available online at:
<https://www.gov.uk/government/statistics/football-related-arrests-and-banning-orders-season-2014-to-2015>

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² Football-related arrest rate excludes 'other' competitions which include Community Shield, Under-21 internationals, pre-season friendlies and UEFA super cup.

³ European competitions comprises of the Champions League and Europa League.

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