Reported Injuries at Regulated Football Grounds in England and Wales for the Season 2016/17

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The Sports Grounds Safety Authority requests that football clubs in the Premier League and the English Football League Championship, Wembley and the Principality stadium keep records of reported injuries that occur at the sports grounds during each season.

Sports grounds are asked to provide the following information:

- The total attendance at the ground for the 2016/17 season (excluding pre-season friendlies).

- The number of spectators (i.e. not people working at the ground, such as police officers, stewards, other staff, journalists etc) that were treated for injuries that were sustained at the ground. This figure excludes anyone treated at the ground for pre-existing illnesses, conditions or injuries that they had before they entered the ground.

- The number of those treated for injuries that occurred at the ground that were subsequently taken to hospital.

Summary of findings for 2016/17 football season by league

As part of our ongoing commitment to ensuring that sports grounds are safe for everyone, we are reviewing how we collate and report spectator injuries.

The purpose is to improve the consistency of reporting across the sector, so there is a transparent picture of the number and type of injuries that occur on a matchday.

The two-phased review commenced at the end of 2016/17 and applied to the data collected for the 2016/17 season. A new, electronic reporting system has been fully implemented for injury reporting for the 2017/18 season.

As a result of the new approach, we have seen more accurate reporting of injuries which, following discussions with clubs, we believe has led to an underlying increase in the number of injuries reported.

FY year	Total spectators treated for injuries	Total spectators taken to hospital	Total attendance	Injuries per spectator
Premier League				
2015/16	347	16	17,859,582	51,468
2016/17	854	30	16,314,381	19,103
Championship				

2015/16	319	17	9,516,708	29,832
2016/17	502	25	11,015,908	21,944
League One				
2015/16	151	11	4,426,444	29,314
2016/17	222	17	4,633,424	20,871
League Two				
2015/16	146	11	3,015,371	20,653
2016/17	182	14	2,761,318	15,172
Total (including international stadia)				
2015/16	963	55	34,818,105	36,155
2016/17	**1,865**	**92**	**35,816,919**	**19,205**