

Sporting Events Bill [HL]

RUNNING LIST OF ALL AMENDMENTS ON REPORT

*Tabled up to and including
6 July 2026*

[Amendments marked ★ are new or have been altered]

Clause 1

LORD FOSTER OF BATH

Clause 1, page 1, line 12, at end insert –

“(f) Schedule (*Sports rights provisions*) (“the sports rights provisions”).”

Clause 2

LORD FOSTER OF BATH

Clause 2, page 2, line 7, leave out “either or both” and insert “one or more”

LORD FOSTER OF BATH

Clause 2, page 2, line 10, at end insert –

“(c) the sports rights provisions.”

Clause 3

LORD ADDINGTON

Clause 3, page 2, line 11, leave out subsection (3)

Member's explanatory statement

This amendment, and others in the name of Lord Addington, would remove the requirement for events covered by the Sporting Events Framework to not be regularly hosted in the UK.

LORD ADDINGTON

Clause 3, page 2, line 35, leave out “three” and insert “two”

Member's explanatory statement

This amendment, and others in the name of Lord Addington, would remove the requirement for events covered by the Sporting Events Framework to not be regularly hosted in the UK.

LORD ADDINGTON

Clause 3, page 3, line 1, leave out “third” and insert “second”

Member's explanatory statement

This amendment, and others in the name of Lord Addington, would remove the requirement for events covered by the Sporting Events Framework to not be regularly hosted in the UK.

After Clause 7

LORD ADDINGTON



After Clause 7, insert the following new Clause –

“Duty to bring forward proposals on unauthorised ticketing activity

- (1) Within six months of the day on which this Act is passed, the Secretary of State must carry out and lay before Parliament a review on –
 - (a) the operation and effectiveness of the ticket toutting provisions in this Act, in particular the operation of Schedule 1, and
 - (b) the integrity, affordability and availability of ticketing at sporting events to which this Act applies.
- (2) The review under subsection (1) should in particular consider whether the ticket toutting provisions in this Act have prevented persons from –
 - (a) reselling, or offering to resell, an event ticket at a price exceeding its face value amount;
 - (b) reselling, or offering to resell, more event tickets than the person was entitled to purchase in the primary sale;
 - (c) charging, through a ticket resale platform, a buyer a service fee, or a seller a combined commission and service fee, exceeding 10% of the face value amount;
 - (d) charging a purchaser in the primary market a transaction fee exceeding 10% of the face value amount;
 - (e) engaging in surge pricing;
 - (f) operating a ticket resale platform that displays incorrect material information about an event ticket, or that fails to take reasonable steps –
 - (i) to verify that a listed ticket exists,
 - (ii) to prevent listings above face value or in excess of a seller's entitlement, or

- (iii) to remove non-compliant listings.
- (3) Within six months of the day on which the review under subsection (1) is laid before Parliament, the Secretary of State must publish draft legislation setting out proposals to improve the ticket touting provisions in this Act, including provision to remedy any deficiencies and shortcomings found in the relation to the points mentioned in subsection (2)."

Member's explanatory statement

This amendment creates a duty on the Secretary of State to publish a review of the ticket touting provisions in this Act and publish draft legislation to remedy any shortcomings in the effectiveness of the ticket touting provisions in this Act.

Clause 8

LORD FOSTER OF BATH

Clause 8, page 5, line 4, at end insert –

- “(1A) In making regulations under section 2(1) which apply the advertising provisions to a sporting event, the appropriate national authority must have regard to the need to protect children and vulnerable persons from harmful or age-restricted advertising.”

Member's explanatory statement

This amendment would require the Government to, in enacting advertising provisions, consider the impacts of age-restricted or harmful advertising.

Clause 24

LORD FOSTER OF BATH

Clause 24, page 17, line 15, at end insert –

- ““facilities for gambling” has the same meaning as in section 5 of the Gambling Act 2005;
- “gambling business” means a business which requires one or more operating licences within the meaning of section 65 of the Gambling Act 2005 or, if the business is not established in England and Wales or in Scotland, would require such a licence if it were so established;”

LORD FOSTER OF BATH

Clause 24, page 18, line 5, at end insert –

- ““sporting event betting licence” means a licence complying with the provisions of Schedule (Sports rights provisions), paragraph 2;

- “sporting event controlling body” means, in relation to a sport, the relevant governing body of the sport or another body responsible for and controlling the organisation and management of a sporting event;
- “the sports rights offence” means an offence under Schedule (*Sports rights provisions*), paragraph 1;
- “the sports rights provisions” has the meaning given in section 1(2)(f);”

After Clause 25

LORD ADDINGTON

After Clause 25, insert the following new Clause —

“Infrastructure strategy for major sporting events

- (1) Regulations under section 2 which apply the sporting events framework to a sporting event may require the appropriate national authority to publish, or require another person to publish, an infrastructure strategy for the sporting event.
- (2) An infrastructure strategy is a document setting out —
 - (a) an assessment of the infrastructure needs of persons attending or participating in the sporting event,
 - (b) the steps to be taken to ensure that sufficient infrastructure is available to meet those needs at a range of price points, and
 - (c) any measures proposed to prevent excessive pricing of infrastructure in connection with the sporting event.
- (3) In this part, reference to infrastructure includes —
 - (a) accommodation;
 - (b) internet services;
 - (c) energy infrastructure;
 - (d) water infrastructure;
 - (e) waste services;
 - (f) health services.”

Member's explanatory statement

This probing amendment seeks to ascertain how the Government will make proper provision of various infrastructure forms when hosting the major sporting event.

LORD ADDINGTON

After Clause 25, insert the following new Clause —

“Grassroots support

- (1) This section applies where an appropriate national authority provides financial assistance under section 25 in respect of a sporting event.

- (2) As a condition of any financial assistance given under section 25, the appropriate national authority must require the recipient to take all reasonable steps to ensure that investment has been provided to –
 - (a) grassroots sporting venues or organisations, and
 - (b) allow for participation in sport at grassroots level, including community sporting projects and facilities.
- (3) In this section, a “grassroots sporting venue or organisation” means a venue, club, association or other organisation that provides facilities or opportunities for participation in sport otherwise than at an elite or professional level, including a community amateur sports club.”

Member's explanatory statement

This amendment would ensure that investment into grassroots sports is a condition for financial assistance to be given.

LORD ADDINGTON

After Clause 25, insert the following new Clause –

“Free-to-watch broadcasting of supported sporting events

- (1) This section applies where the appropriate national authority provides financial assistance under section 25 in respect of a sporting event.
- (2) As a condition of any financial assistance given under section 25, the appropriate national authority must require the recipient to take all reasonable steps to ensure that live coverage of the sporting event is made available –
 - (a) free of charge to all persons in the United Kingdom with access to a television or internet-connected device, or
 - (b) on a platform licensed by Ofcom which is accessible without subscription to members of the public in the United Kingdom.”

Member's explanatory statement

This amendment would make free-to-air broadcasting a condition to receipt of financial assistance.

LORD FULLER

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After Clause 25, insert the following new Clause –

“Disapplication of guaranteed hours provisions for sporting events

- (1) This section applies where the appropriate national authority has applied one or more parts of the sporting events framework to a sporting event.
- (2) Where this section applies, the provisions mentioned in subsection (3) do not apply in relation to an employer who employs a worker at an event that is to be treated as forming a part of the sporting event.
- (3) The provisions are –
 - (a) the following provisions of the Employment Rights Act 1996 –

- (i) sections 27BA to 27BZ, and
- (ii) Schedule A1;
- (b) Schedule 2 to the Employment Rights Act 2025.”

Member's explanatory statement

This amendment disappplies the provisions of the Employment Rights Act 2025 which require an employee to give a worker on a zero hours contract guaranteed hours when a worker is working at a sporting event to which the sporting events framework has been applied.

Schedule 1

LORD FULLER

★ Schedule 1, page 23, line 22, at end insert—

“(5A) No offence is committed under this paragraph where a person has purchased six or fewer tickets for an individual event covered by this Act in a single transaction.”

Member's explanatory statement

This amendment ensures that holders of up to 6 event tickets purchased in a single transaction will be exempted from the ticket touting offence.

LORD ADDINGTON

Schedule 1, page 25, line 7, at end insert—

“(2A) The following ticketing activities cannot be authorised—

- (a) reselling, or offering to resell, an event ticket at a price exceeding its face value amount;
- (b) reselling, or offering to resell, more event tickets than the person was entitled to purchase in the primary sale;
- (c) charging, through a ticket resale platform, a buyer a service fee, or a seller a combined commission and service fee, exceeding 10% of the face value amount;
- (d) charging a purchaser in the primary market a transaction fee exceeding 10% of the face price;
- (e) engaging in surge pricing;
- (f) operating a ticket resale platform that displays incorrect material information about an event ticket, or that fails to take reasonable steps to verify that a listed ticket exists, to prevent listings above face value or in excess of a seller’s entitlement, or to remove non-compliant listings.”

Member's explanatory statement

This amendment would outline various ticketing activities which could not be authorised, under the ticket touting provisions.

Schedule 2

LORD FOSTER OF BATH

Schedule 2, page 29, line 7, after “activity” insert “or gambling advertising activity”

Member's explanatory statement

This amendment and others in the name of Lord Foster would ensure that venues hosting sporting events covered by the Bill are free of gambling advertising, marketing and sponsorship.

LORD FOSTER OF BATH

Schedule 2, page 29, line 15, at end insert—

- “(2A) A “gambling advertising activity” is an advertising activity where the relevant product is gambling within the meaning of section 3 of the Gambling Act 2005, the relevant service is the provision of facilities for gambling within the meaning of section 5 of that Act, and the relevant business is one which requires one or more operating licences within the meaning of section 65 of that Act.”

Member's explanatory statement

This amendment and others in the name of Lord Foster would ensure that venues hosting sporting events covered by the Bill are free of gambling advertising, marketing and sponsorship.

LORD FOSTER OF BATH

Schedule 2, page 29, line 17, after “activity” insert “or a gambling advertising activity”

LORD FOSTER OF BATH

Schedule 2, page 29, line 29, at end insert—

- “(6A) Where a person is found guilty of an offence under this paragraph in England and Wales or Scotland in respect of a gambling advertising activity, the court must pass details of the offence, the conviction and the sentence to the Gambling Commission, which must consider whether it is appropriate to impose further penalties on that person, including a further fine where one has already been imposed by the court.”

Member's explanatory statement

This amendment and others in the name of Lord Foster would ensure that venues hosting sporting events covered by the Bill are free of gambling advertising, marketing and sponsorship.

LORD FOSTER OF BATH

Schedule 2, page 30, line 23, at end insert—

- “(3A) An authorisation may not be granted under this paragraph in respect of a gambling advertising activity.”

Member's explanatory statement

This amendment and others in the name of Lord Foster would ensure that venues hosting sporting events covered by the Bill are free of gambling advertising, marketing and sponsorship.

LORD FOSTER OF BATH

Schedule 2, page 30, line 32, at end insert –

““gambling advertising activity” has the same meaning as in paragraph 1(2A).”

Member's explanatory statement

This amendment and others in the name of Lord Foster would ensure that venues hosting sporting events covered by the Bill are free of gambling advertising, marketing and sponsorship.

Schedule 3

LORD FULLER

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Schedule 3, page 33, line 14, leave out sub-paragraph (5) and insert –

“(5) No offence is committed under this paragraph if a person carries out a trading activity in accordance with a trading licence.”

Member's explanatory statement

This amendment exempts licensed traders from the trading offence.

After Schedule 5

LORD FOSTER OF BATH

After Schedule 5, insert the following new Schedule –

“SCHEDULE

SPORTS RIGHTS PROVISIONS

- 1 (1) It is an offence for a gambling business to offer facilities for gambling in relation to a sporting event unless it is licensed to do so by the relevant sporting event controlling body through a sporting event betting licence.
- (2) A person guilty of an offence under this paragraph is liable –
 - (a) on summary conviction in England and Wales, to a fine;
 - (b) on summary conviction in Northern Ireland, to a fine not exceeding £50,000.
- (3) A person guilty of an offence under this paragraph in Scotland is liable –
 - (a) on summary conviction, to a fine not exceeding £20,000;
 - (b) on conviction on indictment, to a fine.

- (4) Where a gambling business commits an offence under this paragraph, the offence may also be investigated and the gambling business prosecuted by the Gambling Commission under section 28 of the Gambling Act 2005 as if the offence were an offence under that Act.
 - (5) Where a gambling business has been found guilty of an offence under this paragraph, the conduct constituting the offence is actionable by the relevant sporting event controlling body, which may seek—
 - (a) an injunction, or in Scotland an interdict, requiring the provision of those facilities to cease;
 - (b) damages.
- 2 (1) A sporting event betting licence is a licence issued by a sporting event controlling body which allows a gambling business to make use of information or data derived from or relating to a specified sporting event in the places, at the times and for the purposes specified in the licence.
- (2) A sporting event betting licence must—
- (a) provide for the sharing of information between the sporting event controlling body and the gambling business for the purpose of protecting and supporting integrity in sports and betting services, and
 - (b) state any fee payable by the gambling business to the sporting event controlling body in respect of the facilities for gambling in relation to the sporting event.
- (3) A sporting event betting licence may prohibit betting on a particular contingency or class of contingencies in relation to a sporting event if the sporting event controlling body considers that betting on the contingency may expose the relevant sporting event or class of sporting event to unmanageable integrity risks.
- (4) A sporting event betting licence takes effect, and may be terminated, in accordance with its terms.”

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