



Southend United Supporters Society Limited (Shrimpers Trust) - Away Travel Terms & Conditions

1. Bookings will be made on-line via the Away Travel section of the Trust Website. To effectively manage the coach booking process we will disable the on-line booking option prior to each game as coaches become nearly full. At this point the dedicated travel line (07892 905338) can be used to book the last few remaining seats.
2. All seats for away travel must be booked in advance. To keep costs to a minimum for supporters our intention is to run full coaches. Therefore it is extremely unlikely that anyone simply turning up at a designated pick-up point will be allowed to travel.
3. Coach travel is organised by Trust volunteers mostly with full time jobs. In order to assist with the co-ordination of travel arrangements, supporters are requested to book their seats as early as possible. Bookings will however be accepted up until the evening before any game providing that spaces remain.
4. The following guidelines shall apply in respect of refunds.
 - a) In the event that an away game is postponed and at the point that this is officially communicated to supporters the journey to the game has not started, any pre-paid travel shall be refunded.
 - b) In the case of any supporter who has booked and paid for travel and is then unable to attend the game, consideration will be given on a case by case basis in respect of any refund being offered. A key consideration here will be as to whether the seat can be re-booked.
5. Under 16's are only allowed to travel if accompanied by an adult. Unaccompanied under 16's will as a rule be refused travel.
6. Travellers who book by phone filling the last remaining seats and then do not show up for the coach trip will be required to pay for all future Away travel on-line (subject to availability). The decision of the Shrimpers Trust Away Travel Co-ordinator regarding this matter will be final.
7. In respect of on-going Covid-19 challenges, in conjunction with coach partners SBC, the Trust has implemented processes within the guidelines provided by the world health organisation and the UK government. These are designed to help supporters feel confident and most importantly remain safe when travelling to games on Trust coaches. Whilst in England the legal requirement to wear a face covering has been lifted, the government still expects and recommends that people wear face coverings in enclosed and crowded spaces where they come into contact with people they don't normally meet. In the interests of safety, the Trust has the requirement that all travellers unless exempt for reason of health, age or equality, wear a face covering for the whole of their coach journey, to include boarding and alighting from the coach. It is every supporter's individual responsibility to ensure they have a face covering with them prior to the journey, as these will not be provided. Should you be exempt from wearing a face covering it would be helpful to our process if you bring any card or badge such as produced by the government with you - this is not however a requirement. Any junior supporters travelling who are not wearing a face covering should occupy the window seat. Supporters are requested to remain in their seat for the full journey. Please note that the coach toilet will not be in use. Any journey scheduled to last in excess of 2 hours (from the last pick up) will include a short comfort break. As additional measures implemented for the safety of both passengers and their employees, SBC have fitted hand sanitisers and driver screens to their coaches. They have also added additional ventilation to vehicles which will be 24hr deep cleaned. Finally, the Trust will follow SBC guidelines and operate seat blocking so as to maintain social distancing. Supporters must therefore ensure they sit in the seat allocated to them at the start of the journey.
8. All Trust coaches are strictly non-smoking.
9. UK Law states that Alcohol or Illegal Substances are not permitted on any football coaches. If any alcohol or any illegal substance is found on board our coaches the items will be confiscated & disposed of, and the offenders banned from all further Away travel with the Trust.
10. The Shrimpers Trust reserve the right not to accept anyone on its coaches whom it deems unfit to travel.
11. The Shrimpers Trust does not accept responsibility for any traveller once they have arrived at the destination and alighted from the coach.
12. The Shrimpers Trust does not accept liability for any loss or damage to any traveller's possessions which they bring onto the coach.
13. Wherever possible, coaches will drop off and pick up travelling supporters from the same point, however if the pick-up point is different to the drop off point, please listen to the instructions given by your coach organiser.
14. Supporters are asked to ensure that they return to the coach promptly after the game to ensure other supporters are not inconvenienced by any departure having to be unnecessarily delayed.
15. Supporters are reminded that they should consider their fellow travellers, which may include families/children and therefore ensure that they show appropriate conduct at all times on Trust coaches. Inappropriate behaviour may result in any supporter being refused future travel.
16. All travellers are responsible for their own litter and should remove it from the coach for disposal; it is not the job of the volunteer coach organiser to do this. Carrier bags are provided for rubbish if required, however if excess rubbish is found on the coach floor or seats the person(s) responsible will be asked to pay a cleaning fee added to any future travel.
17. Coaches will only drop off at the designated stops on the return journey unless additional stops are authorised by the coach organiser.
18. The Shrimpers Trust reserves the right to change pick-up points and times. In such cases due notice will be given to supporters.
19. Cars parked at Roots Hall are left at the owner's risk. The Shrimpers Trust and/or Southend United Football Club will not accept any liability for any damages or losses caused.
20. Supporters who are under the age of 18. This clause relates to any travelling supporter who is 17 or under and who is not travelling with a designated adult (who will be 18 or over). The Trust makes it clear that its responsibility towards any under 18 supporter will be as specified above (see 11). The Trust will therefore not supervise or take responsibility for any supporter's behaviour on arrival at the destination, including within the ground itself. The Trust will take no part in managing any negative situation that might arise due to a supporter's inappropriate behaviour.