

Chapter 1 General Provisions

Article 1 (Purpose)

These Provisions establish matters relating to spectators watching games hosted by the Nippon Professional Baseball Organization (hereinafter referred to as "NPB") and those who have been granted permission by NPB to conduct games (hereinafter collectively referred to as the "Host Organization" together with NPB), and thus aim to ensure the smooth progress of games and the safe and peaceful watching of games by spectators.

2. In these Provisions, the meaning of the following terms shall be as defined in any of the items, unless the context clearly indicates otherwise.

- (1) "Stadium" means the baseball stadium where the game is held, and "Stadium Manager" means the entity that manages and operates the stadium.
- (2) "Game" means the annual league championship games of professional baseball, unofficial games, games by players under control other than participating players, and other games.
- (3) "Game watching contract" means the contract relating to entering the stadium on the date and time and at the place stated on the admission ticket and watching the game in the seat or place designated by the admission ticket.
- (4) "Admission ticket" means a certificate issued by the Host Organization, or a person entrusted by the Host Organization, for the purpose of entering the stadium and watching the game.
- (5) "Regular admission ticket" means an admission ticket that a person wishing to watch a game has obtained from the Host Organization, or a person designated by the Host Organization, or has obtained from a third party without violating the provisions of Article 4, and does not include admission tickets obtained by any other means, admission tickets with the stub removed, admission tickets that have already been punched, or other admission Tickets as separately specified by the Host Organization.
- (6) "Staff, etc., of the Host Organization" means the Host Organization's officers and regular employees, as well as contract employees, part-time workers, temporary employees, and other persons under the Host Organization's direction and supervision, and security guards, Stadium Manager's staff, and others who provide services for the Host Organization based on outsourcing contracts, consignment contracts, or other contracts.
- (7) "Professional baseball provisions" means these Provisions and provisions concerning game watching specified by a baseball club that belongs to NPB and NPB and includes special cheering permission rules, and the rules governing the taking and delivery or transmission of photographs, video footage, etc., which are sub-regulations, as a matter of course, unless the context otherwise clearly excludes the special cheering permission

rules or the rules governing the taking and delivery or transmission of photographs, video footage, etc.

Chapter 2 Game Watching Contract

Article 2 (Conclusion of Contract)

A game watching contract is concluded based on these Provisions when a person wishing to watch a game has acquired a regular admission ticket.

2. A person possessing a regular admission ticket may enter the stadium and watch the game in the designated seat or place based on these provisions and the terms and conditions notified in advanced by the host organization, in accordance with the provisions of the regular admission ticket.
3. When entering the stadium, spectators shall present their regular admission ticket by the method prescribed by the Host Organization and undergo ticket inspection, and after entering, spectators must retain the stub of the regular admission ticket until they leave the stadium and must present it when requested to do so by the staff, etc., of the Host Organization.
4. In addition to the provisions of Article 7, details regarding admission tickets and admission shall be separately determined by the Host Organization.

Article 3 (Reasons for Refusal to Sell)

The Host Organization will not sell admission tickets to any person who falls under any of the following items. If a person obtains an admission ticket by himself/herself or through a third party regardless of the reason, the Host Organization may refuse entry to that person based on Article 6.

- (1) A person who belongs to an organized crime group as defined in Article 2 of the Act on Prevention of Unjust Acts by Organized Crime Group Members (Act No. 77 of May 15, 1991) or a similar anti-social group (hereinafter referred to as "Crime Groups, etc.") (hereinafter referred to as a "Crime Group Member").
- (2) A person who has not passed five years since ceasing to be a Crime Group Member
- (3) A person who has an organizational or business relationship with Crime Groups, etc. or a Crime Group Member, or who belongs to an organization that has such a relationship
- (4) A person who provides funds or other benefits to Crime Groups, etc., or a Crime Group Member, or who has a close relationship with them that is not considered socially appropriate
- (5) A person who acquires an admission ticket for the purpose of actions in violation of Article 4
- (6) A person who has been sentenced to a fine or greater penalty in connection with an act in violation of Article 4, an act within the stadium or its controlled area, or activity related

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to organized cheering at a game (including those not organized by the Host Organization), and for whom five years have not passed since the date the judgment became final and binding.

- (7) A person who obtains admission tickets for himself/herself or through a third party in excess of the limit per person separately set by the Host Organization (in the case of a group, all members of the group are subject to this limit)
- (8) A person designated in Article 11 as a person to whom the Host Organization refuses to sell an admission ticket
- (9) Any other person to whom the Host Organization has determined there is a justifiable reason not to sell admission tickets

Article 4 (Prohibition of Resale, etc.)

No person may resell (including resale through an online auction) or otherwise allow a third party to acquire an admission ticket without the permission of the Host Organization. However, this shall not apply to cases where admission tickets are not transferred for profit and are not conducted as a business based on a specific relationship such as a family member, friend, customer or other similar person.

Article 5 (Articles Prohibited from being Brought into the Stadium)

No person may bring the following articles into the stadium without the permission of the Host Organization.

- (1) Firearms, swords, fireworks, explosives, drugs, or any other dangerous articles
 - (2) Articles that emit a strong odor, emit sounds that interfere with the watching of a game, or are likely to interfere with the watching of a game by other spectators in other ways
 - (3) Bottles, cans, ice boxes, and similar articles
 - (4) Pets and other animals (excluding guide dogs, hearing dogs, etc.)
 - (5) Articles intended for securing an excessive number of seats
 - (6) Any other articles designated separately by the Host Organization or Stadium Manager
2. In order to ensure the effectiveness of the preceding Paragraph, the Host Organization may request, upon entry, that spectators open and present the contents of their handbags, bags, and other articles and may conduct baggage inspections.

Article 6 (Refusal of Entry)

The Host Organization may refuse entry to the stadium to any person who falls under any of the following items.

- (1) A person who does not possess a regular admission ticket or refuses to present it
- (2) A person who falls under the reasons for refusal to sell in Article 3
- (3) A person who attempts to bring in prohibited articles under Article 5, Paragraph 1, or who does not comply with the baggage inspection under Paragraph 2 of the same article

- (4) A person who violates the prohibited acts specified in Article 8, or is likely to do so
- (5) A person who is heavily intoxicated
- (6) A person who obstructs the smooth progress of the game, or is likely to do so
- (7) A person who performs acts that significantly impede the watching of the game by other spectators, or is likely to do so
- (8) Any other person whom the Host Organization has determined there is a justifiable reason to refuse entry

Chapter 3 Watching of the Game

Article 7 (Entering and Leaving the Stadium)

Spectators may enter the stadium from the time specified by the Host Organization, and when the game is over, they must promptly leave the stadium in accordance with the instructions of the staff, etc., of the Host Organization.

2. In addition to the provisions of the following article and Article 9, no person shall violate the precautions that the Host Organization may establish from time to time when watching a game, and shall comply with the instructions of the staff, etc., of the Host Organization.

Article 8 (Prohibited Acts)

No person may engage in the following acts without the permission of the Host Organization.

- (1) Occupying seats other than those designated by the regular admission ticket, or loitering or watching the game in aisles, stairways, gateways, etc.
- (2) Keeping non-reserved seats, standing areas, etc., that are unnecessary for one's own watching of the game
- (3) Using flashes, lights, or other similar articles that may disturb the game
- (4) Damaging stadium facilities and equipment
- (5) Selling goods, advertising, distributing questionnaires or flyers, or engaging in other similar acts.
- (6) Intimidating, coercing, using violence against, slandering, or otherwise causing trouble to other spectators, managers, coaches, players, the Host Organization and its staff, vendors, and other stadium staff
- (7) Soliciting money, goods, or other benefits from other spectators in relation to securing seats, cheering, watching the game, etc.
- (8) Rushing onto the field, throwing objects into the stands, concourse, field, etc., climbing or hanging on fences, dugouts, railings, handrails, nets, etc., leaning into the field, or other acts that may endanger the life, body, or property of oneself or others
- (9) Entering the field, back screen, or other prohibited areas

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- (10) Holding feasts, parties, gambling, playing mahjong, or engaging in other acts that are not appropriate for watching a game
 - (11) Excessively shouting and making noise outside the stadium without due cause
 - (12) Violating the Stadium Manager's rules regarding stadium management or the precautions posted in the stadium or announced by other means
 - (13) Obstructing the smooth progress of the game or the watching of the game other spectator, or being likely to
 - (14) Using an admission ticket for criminal purposes
 - (15) Chasing balls, etc., or any other act that may cause damage to other spectators, regardless of the reason
 - (16) Going against the rules governing the taking and delivery or transmission of photographs, video footage, etc. or the instructions of the staff, etc., of the Host Organization.
 - (17) Jointly performing or instigating or aiding and abetting any of the acts stipulated in any of the items of this Paragraph
2. A person who has violated the provisions of the preceding Paragraph (in the case of a group, all members of the group; hereinafter the same in this Paragraph) or a person whom the staff, etc., of the Host Organization has determined to have a justifiable reason to believe has violated the provisions of the preceding Paragraph shall comply with any matters instructed by the staff, etc., of the Host Organization, including presentation of identification, presentation of a photograph of their face.

Article 9 (Cheering Activities)

No person may engage in the following cheering activities when watching a game without the permission of the Host Organization.

- (1) Cheering using trumpets, drums, bells, whistles, other musical instruments, or similar articles.
 - (2) Cheering using cheering flags, banners, or other objects that may interfere with the watching of the game by spectators
 - (3) Group cheering conducted by organizing spectators or leading the cheering of spectators
 - (4) Any other ways of cheering designated by NPB
2. In cheering at a game, all persons shall comply the precautions that the Host Organization may establish from time to time, and shall comply with the instructions of the staff, etc., of the Host Organization.
3. The criteria and procedures for permission under Paragraph 1 of this article shall be separately determined by NPB.

Chapter 4 Measures Regarding Violations

Article 10 (Measures for Ejection from Stadium)

The Host Organization shall eject from the stadium any spectator who falls under any of the following items, during the game or at any other time. However, if the spectator promptly resolves the reason for ejection and the Host Organization recognizes that the inconvenience to other spectators is minor, the Host Organization may suspend the ejection.

- (1) If the person falls under the reasons for refusal to sell specified in Article 3
 - (2) If the person has brought prohibited articles under Article 5, Paragraph 1 into the stadium
 - (3) If the person falls under the reasons for refusal of entry specified in Article 6
 - (4) If the person engages in any of the prohibited acts under Article 8
 - (5) If a person or group that has obtained permission under Article 9 deviates from the scope of the permission or acts in violation of the conditions attached to the permission.
 - (6) If a person does not comply with the instructions given by the staff, etc., of the Host Organization.
 - (7) If the Host Organization has determined that there are other reasons for ejection from the stadium similar to the preceding items
2. In cases where the Host Organization deems ejection to be appropriate, if the spectator does not leave the stadium despite being ordered to do so by the staff, etc., of the Host Organization, the Host Organization may report the matter to the police or take measures to prompt the spectator to leave to the extent deemed reasonable.

Article 11 (Designation of persons to whom Refusal to Sell an Admission Ticket Applies)

If a person (or, in the case of a group, the members of the group) has brought in prohibited articles under any of the items of Article 5, Paragraph 1, committed a prohibited act under any of the items of Article 8, Paragraph 1, engaged in the prohibited cheering activities under any of the items of Article 9, Paragraphs 1 and 2, or otherwise violated these professional baseball provisions, or has made a false or misleading statement in the procedures relating to these professional baseball provisions, and the Host Organization determines that the act is malicious, the Host Organization shall designate the violator (or, if the violator is committed by a group, the members of the group) as a person (or persons) to whom the Host Organization refuses to sell any admission ticket as specified in Article 3.

2. In the case of the preceding Paragraph, if the violator belongs to a cheering group, the Host Organization may, depending on the circumstances, designate the members of that group, the members of other groups belonging to the same federation as that group, and those who were members at the time of the violation, as persons to whom the Host Organization refuses to sell any admission ticket under Article 3.
3. In cases where a person who falls under Article 3, Items (1) to (7) and (9) belongs to a cheering group, the Host Organization may, depending on the circumstances, designate the

members of that group, the members of other groups belonging to the same federation as that group, and those who were members of the same group or federation as the person at the time as persons to whom the Host Organization refuses to sell any admission ticket under Article 3.

4. If a person has engaged in any act that violates any of the items of Article 5, Paragraph 1, any of the items of Article 8, Paragraph 1, and any of the items of Article 9, Paragraphs 1 and 2 collectively and continuously, and the Host Organization determines that the act is malicious, the Host Organization shall designate the violator and those belonging to the group as persons to whom the Host Organization refuses to sell any admission ticket under Article 3.
 5. The Host Organization may designate a person who has repeatedly violated these professional baseball provisions and has been sentenced to a suspended sentence or greater punishment and for whom five years have not passed since the date the judgment became final and binding as a person to whom the Host Organization refuses to sell any admission ticket under Article 3.
 6. No person may raise any objection to any judgment made by the Host Organization under the preceding five Paragraphs.
 7. A person designated as a person specified in Paragraphs 1 to 5 of this article shall comply with the instructions of by the staff, etc., of the Host Organization, including presenting an identification card or a photograph of his/her face.
- If the Host Organization recognizes that a person designated as a person specified in Paragraphs 1 to 5 of this article has reflected on his/her actions and there is no likelihood that the person will repeat such violations in the future, the Host Organization may lift the designation after consultation with the Professional Baseball Crime Groups, etc. Exclusion Measures Conference.
9. If the Host Organization deems it necessary for the purpose of making a judgment regarding the lifting of the designation under the preceding Paragraph, the Host Organization may set a monitoring period for a particular game or games during a specific term, and make it a condition that the person's watching or cheering behavior during that period is good.

Chapter 5 Refund, etc. of the Admission Fee

Article 12 (Refund of Admission Fee)

In cases of refusal of entry to the stadium based on Article 6 or ejection measures based on Article 10, the admission fee shall not be refunded.

2. In addition to the provisions of the preceding Paragraph, the conditions and other details for the refund of the admission fee shall be separately determined by the Host Organization.

However, regardless of the reason for the refund, the admission fee for admission tickets other than regular admission tickets shall not be refunded.

Article 13 (Limitation of Liability)

The Host Organization and the Stadium Manager shall not be liable for the compensation of the following damage that spectators may suffer. However, this shall not apply to cases where such damage is caused by reasons attributable to the Host Organization, staff, etc., of the Host Organization or the Stadium Manager.

- (1) Damage caused by a home run ball or foul ball, or any other damage caused by activities of game, fan service or practice
 - (2) Damage caused by other spectators including riots and disturbances
 - (3) Damage caused by the stadium facilities
 - (4) Damage caused by an act by the spectators in violation of these Provisions, any rules specified by the Host Organization or instructions of the staff, etc., of the Host Organization
 - (5) Damage caused by the refusal of entry as specified in Article 6 or measures for ejection from the stadium as specified in Article 10
 - (6) In addition to the items listed above, damage that occurs in the stadium and areas under its control on the occasion of watching a game
2. In the case of the proviso mentioned in the preceding Paragraph, the scope of any compensation of the damages that the Host Organization or Stadium Manager shall pay shall be limited to direct damages including medical treatment fees, etc., and shall not include lost profits or any other indirect damages or special damages. However, this shall not apply to damage caused by an intentional act or gross negligence of the Host Organization, staff, etc., of the Host Organization or the Stadium Manager.
3. Spectators shall constantly and carefully observe the trajectory of the balls during practice, home run balls, foul balls, balls thrown in for fan service, etc., and shall pay sufficient attention so that he/she does not suffer any damage.

Chapter 6 Other Provisions

Article 14 (Detailed Provisions)

Any other details regarding game watching shall be separately determined by the Host Organization.

Article 15 (Jurisdiction)

For any disputes between spectators and the Host Organization concerning the game watching contract, depending on the amount in dispute, the District Court or Summary Court with jurisdiction over the Host Organization's head office shall have exclusive jurisdiction in

the first instance.

Chapter 7 Supplementary Provisions

Article 16 (Effect)

These Provisions shall take effect on February 4, 2010.

2. These Provisions may be revised by the Host Organization even during the annual league championship games, and the revised Provisions shall apply to game watching contracts for any games held on or after the effective date of such revision.

Article 17 (Acts Prior to the Provisions Coming into Force)

If an act committed prior to these Provisions coming into force would have fallen under Paragraphs 1, 2, or 3 of Article 11, the Host Organization may designate the person concerned as a person to whom the Host Organization refuses to sell any admission ticket under Article 3 based on Paragraph 1 or 2 of Article 11.