

ECO-POWER STADIUM MEDIA MATCHDAY PROTOCOLS 2021/22

Welcome to the Eco-Power Stadium the home of Doncaster Rovers and Doncaster RLFC.

Enclosed within this document is vital information about your trip for our upcoming match including information on parking, press accreditation and access, and post-match media arrangements.

Please read all information in this document before arrival at the stadium as things may have changed since your last visit.

Please do not travel to the Eco-Power Stadium if you have any symptoms of COVID-19, have returned a positive test within the last 10 days, or have been told to self-isolate.

PRIOR TO ARRIVAL

You must apply for accreditation via the usual iPBS system. Those who are not accepted must not travel to the game but will be, if requested, allocated a streaming code to watch from home.

If attending, you are requested to bring your own protective masks and are encouraged to carry your equipment in clear bags, where possible, to ensure stadium checks take as little time as possible.

With the exception of photographers, please do not bring oversized bags. Please do not attempt to enter the stadium if you haven't had your iPBS request accepted by the club.

SELF-DECLARATION FORM

You will be asked to complete a self-declaration form on arrival at the stadium and asked to undergo a non-evasive temperature check.

Please note, a high temperature will result in you being unable to enter the stadium.

If you have requested RED ZONE access for this match, you must return a negative result on a lateral flow on the day of the game.

TRACK AND TRACE

There will be QR codes at all entry points to the stadium – we ask that everyone entering the stadium completes this form as per Government guidelines.

TRAVEL

Getting here

Please use the postcode DN4 5JW in your Satnav.

The stadium address is:

Eco-Power Stadium
Stadium Way
DN4 5JW

Please ensure that you comply with Government recommendations on travel. If you are travelling by public transport, please ensure you are following any guidelines put in place by the transport company.

Stadium Map / Car Parking

Media parking will be allocated in car park three for those who have requested it as part of the i-PBS booking process.

Entering the stadium

The media entrance will be to the right-hand side of the Club Doncaster Reception (as you look at the stadium). This is located in the Mech FS West Stand and is adjacent to car park two.

ARRIVAL TIMES

Media will be able to arrive from the times stated below. Please try to arrive before supporters (turnstiles will open 90 minutes before kick-off).

Please note that anyone arriving less than 15 minutes before kick-off will not be granted access to the stadium.

180 minutes before kick-off – Club media

120 minutes before kick-off – All other accredited press and media.

If anyone requires early access, please contact media@clubdoncaster.co.uk

SOCIAL DISTANCING / USE OF FACE COVERINGS

We will be making full use of the press box to support distancing between press in the press box where possible. There will always be at least one free seat between you and another member of the media.

The use of face coverings is encouraged in all indoor areas at all times and **must be worn** in the post-match press room during press conferences. (You can remove your mask to ask questions.)

All individuals should bring their own masks. The club will not be providing face masks.

SEATING ARRANGEMENTS

If you have been allocated a place in the press box, your seat number will be visible on the front of your pass. It will be a number followed by three digits.

A member of the media team will be on hand in the press box to point you to your seat if required.

You will be required to wear your pass at all times and remain in your allocated seat and we will endeavour to provide power and WiFi for all visiting media but please ensure all electrical devices are fully charged.

WiFi is in operation at the stadium and this information will be provided in your confirmation email.

ISDN LINE INFORMATION

Radio broadcasters that have requested access to an ISDN line will be provided one, details of which will be provided on your press pass and on your allocated table.

PHOTOGRAPHERS

Photographers are welcome to find a suitable position behind the first row of pitch side advertising boards. Photographers can be positioned in front of the North, South and East Stand and behind the advertising board positions on the West Stand. Please limit your movement during the match.

Photographers cannot walk in front of the dugouts for any reason unless you have Red Zone access. You can switch ends, but you must use the East Stand.

Photographers are requested to maintain a social distance from others.

HOSPITALITY

Food

You will receive a voucher on arrival at the stadium which will entitle the bearer to one free Pukka Pie at from any of the Mech FS West Stand kiosks.

Bottles of water will be available in the press room.

Toilets

Toilets for accredited media are located at the top of the West Stand.

Photographers are able to use toilets in either the East or South Stand concourses.

TEAM SHEETS

Team sheets will be handed out to media and photographers. Surplus team sheets will be available to collect in the media room.

PRE-MATCH INTERVIEWS

No pre-match media access is available to non-rights holders on a matchday. All rights holders interview requests will be managed by the club's communications team and will be done pitch side.

POST-MATCH INTERVIEWS

Home Team

At the conclusion of the game, written journalists should remain at their workspace, whilst rights holders make their way to their set position pitch side.

Rights holders will conduct a socially distanced interview with the manager of each team pitch side, as well as players upon request.

Press will take place in the press room. Journalists must not move the seats in the press rooms (as these will have been set up in a socially distanced manner and must have their masks on during the press conference).

This is in line with the EFL's new Purple Zone protocols for indoor media activity.

Away Team

The visiting team can organise their own post-match press. This can either be done digitally (via Zoom or similar), pitch side or in the press room and is at the discretion of the away club.

LEAVING THE STADIUM

Eco-Power Stadium will close 90 minutes following the final whistle.

Following the post-match press conference, journalists are expected to file their copy from their set position in the stands.

Whilst the stadium will close 90 minutes following the final whistle, we politely request all media is off site within 60 minutes where possible.

IT

Our WiFi is available in the press box and at pitch side.

Details of this will be included in your confirmation email and will be available to view in the stadium press area and on your press pass.

If you encounter any IT problems, such as ISDN or WiFi issues, the club has a member of the IT support team available – please notify club staff located in the press box and they will sort this problem.