

# MATCHDAY SEARCH AND BAG POLICY

Major League Soccer is committed to creating a safe, comfortable and enjoyable soccer experience for all guests in and around our stadiums. It is the responsibility of the League to provide direction and guidance on specific issues that are related to achieving the goals and objectives of the organization. This policy is designed to ensure a baseline consistency, clarify the terms and procedures, and effectively manage expectations for match-day entry searches.

In 2018, the Rapids and DICK'S Sporting Goods Park will be implementing walk-through metal detectors at all gates. Fans will be asked to pass through the metal detectors before having their ticket scanned by a staff member. All items will need to be taken out of pockets, and bags will be examined by a staff member as fans enter the stadium.

Major League Soccer (MLS) will limit the types of bags that are permitted into any MLS - SUM related event (including US Open Cup & CCL). This policy will ensure a safer experience for all of those attending MLS - SUM events, as well as to maintain the standards currently set for attending comparable professional sporting events in the North America.

MLS encourages fans and supporters to not bring bags to the stadium. If a patron chooses to bring a bag to the venue, they will be subject to a search. For bags to enter the venue, they must be no larger than 14" x 14" x 6." This allows for small purses and bags to be brought into the facility.

This policy is not intended to interfere with guests attending with specific medical needs or guests caring for young children (nursing mothers with children under 2).

## **Permissible Bags:**

Bags cannot be larger than 14"x14"x6", which is consistent with most other sports leagues and is a step below the current NFL size restriction on clear bags. (MLS reserves the right to change this and any of its other security policies and ANY time).

## **Prohibited Bags:**

Prohibited bags include, but are not limited to: large purses, coolers, briefcases, backpacks, luggage of any kind, computer bags, camera bags or any bag larger than the permissible size.

## **Searching-General:**

All individuals must be searched prior to entry into a MLS – SUM event or venue. This includes but not limited to all patrons, media, vendors and staff working the event. No exemptions will be made for individuals entering the venue.