



9<sup>TH</sup>|10<sup>TH</sup>|11<sup>TH</sup> JUNE 2017

## CHESTERTONS POLO IN THE PARK – FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS

Following ongoing reviews of the event and stakeholder meetings, Sportgate International Ltd have worked with LBHF Council to produce a summary of frequently asked questions:

### **Q. What are the dates for this year's Chestertons Polo in the Park?**

**A:** The event will be hosted at Hurlingham Park SW6 on the following dates: Friday 9<sup>th</sup> June (1200hrs-2100hrs), Saturday 10<sup>th</sup> June (1200hrs – 2000hrs) and Sunday 11<sup>th</sup> June (1130hrs – 1900hrs)

### **Q. Are tickets available for residents?**

**A.** LBHF has secured 2000 FREE general admission tickets for the 2016 event for LBHF residents. Tickets will be allocated through a ballot process. Residents are encouraged to apply for the free event tickets in the ballot. Please visit [lbhf.gov.uk/polo](http://lbhf.gov.uk/polo) for ballot application information.

### **Q. Where can I buy tickets?**

**A.** Aside from entering into the LBHF ballot, if you are interested in purchasing tickets to the event, general admission tickets are available to purchase on <http://www.polointheparklondon.com/tickets> via Ticketmaster or telephone 0844 248 5069.

### **Q. Where can I go to use a football or rugby pitch when the polo is on?**

**A.** The event does not take place during the regular football and rugby season where bookable pitches apply. Sports users will be accommodated on pitches in other nearby parks.

### **Q. Where can schools go to use pitches while Hurlingham's are out of use?**

**A.** The multi-use pitch is available at all times (except: 8<sup>th</sup>, 9<sup>th</sup>, 10<sup>th</sup>, 11<sup>th</sup> June 2017) while grass pitches in alternative nearby parks have been made available for schools and sport teams during this time.

### **Q. Where can dog walkers go?**

**A.** The dog walking area on Hurlingham Road will still be available for use throughout the event period. Additionally the northern section of the park is also kept open for as long as possible.

### **Q. Will the car park still be available?**

**A.** 50% of the Car Park at Hurlingham Park will be available at all times except except: 8<sup>th</sup>, 9<sup>th</sup>, 10<sup>th</sup>, 11<sup>th</sup> June 2017

### **Q. What ground work is expected on the park?**

#### **A. Ground works in the run up to the event will include:**

- An enhanced maintenance programme for the park from the end of April. The process of verti-draining, top dressing, over-seeding, mowing and irrigating is an advanced treatment to the ground, building on the improvement works that have taken place courtesy of the event since 2009. This process will take approx 5 weeks but disruption to the site will be kept to a minimum.

#### **Ground works post event includes:**

- Full reinstatement of ground and areas affected by the event. There will be a second programme of enhanced maintenance taking the same form as the works leading up to the event. This will improve the park for the benefits for all users all year round.

### **Q. How will the event be licensed?**

**A.** Sportgate International Ltd have an up-to-date premises licence based on the previous licences granted for this event, and learnings from previous events. The licence is to be reviewed each year to ensure relevance.

This temporary premises licence will only permit licensable activities for the 3 days of the Polo in the Park event.

**Q. How will organisers manage the traffic that will result from the event?**

**A.** The organisers, Sportgate International Ltd, in consultation with local residents and LBHF Highways Department will in 2017 be trialling an amended traffic management system. This will be based on the one-way system used previously (one-way westbound along Hurlingham Road) but will be augmented by a one-way traffic order northbound along Linver Road from Hurlingham Road to New Kings Road. This is to alleviate the congestion experienced on Linver Road and avoids the requirement to suspend parking on that street.

**NB – The traffic orders will be in place from 30 minutes before the event opens to 30 mins after the event closes each day of 9<sup>th</sup>, 10<sup>th</sup> and 11<sup>th</sup> June.**

There will be parking bay suspensions on some of Hurlingham Road and on Broomhouse Lane as per previous years. The one way system reduces the number of parking bay suspensions by 50%. Details can be found at [www.lbhf.gov.uk/polo](http://www.lbhf.gov.uk/polo) under the section Traffic Management Information

**Q. How will the public access the event?**

**A.** All event attendees will be directed to use nearby public transport links to access Hurlingham Park. Sportgate International have also organised for a black cab taxi company to provide a plentiful supply of taxis to ensure quick and efficient clearing of the area.

<b>DURING NORMAL PARK OPENING HOURS</b> ✓ = open to the public x = no public access	<b>TRACKWAY INSTALL</b> 28/05/17 – 29/05/17	<b>MAIN EVENT BUILD</b> 30/05/17 – 08/06/17	<b>EVENT</b> 08/06/17 - 11/06/17	<b>EVENT BREAKDOWN</b> 12/06/17 – 17/06/17
<input type="checkbox"/> Dog walking area on Hurlingham Road <input type="checkbox"/> Children’s playground next to rose garden <input type="checkbox"/> Rose garden area <input type="checkbox"/> Bowling green	✓	✓	✓	✓
<input type="checkbox"/> Grass pitch area where the event infrastructure will be erected / dismantled will not be accessible for general use <input type="checkbox"/> Basketball Court court <input type="checkbox"/> The Pavilion	✓	✗	✗	✗
<input type="checkbox"/> Tennis Courts open for public use for as long as possible	✓	✓ (until 04/06/17)	✗	✓ (from 14/06/17)
<input type="checkbox"/> Car park 50% of available spaces will be accessible except for event days <input type="checkbox"/> Multi-use artificial sports pitches	✓	✓	✗	✓
<input type="checkbox"/> Natural adventurous play area (Northside will be open to the public throughout, while the south area will be restricted through on event days)	✓ Northside ✓ Southside	✓ Northside ✗ Southside	✓ Northside ✗ Southside	✓ Northside ✗ Southside

**FURTHER INFORMATION**

The official Chestertons Polo in the Park website is: [www.polointheparklondon.com](http://www.polointheparklondon.com) or telephone 0208 614 7090.

Hammersmith & Fulham Council’s website is [www.lbhf.gov.uk/polo](http://www.lbhf.gov.uk/polo). Local press will be publishing updated information in the run up to the event

For further resident enquiries, please contact Hammersmith & Fulham Council’s Event Team on [polointhepark@lbhf.gov.uk](mailto:polointhepark@lbhf.gov.uk) or telephone 0845 337 0314.