

## WEMBLEY ASHES TEST SPECTATOR GUIDE

Rugby League returns to Wembley Stadium on Saturday 25 October for an unmissable first instalment of the 2025 ABK Rugby League Ashes Series. Fierce rivals England and Australia will meet at Wembley for their first Ashes match in 22 years, reigniting a rivalry for the ages.

For all those attending, below we have prepared some useful information. Please adhere to the guidance so we can ensure the ABK Rugby League Ashes is a safe and enjoyable environment for all visitors.

Fans can also visit the [Wembley Stadium website](#) for more information.

### SCHEDULE AND DOOR OPENINGS

England versus Australia will kick-off at 14:30. Hospitality opens from 12:00pm and General Admission turnstiles will open from 12:30pm.

Please arrive early at the stadium to allow enough time for necessary security checks, including enhanced searches and bag checks.

Children (14 years and under) must be accompanied by an adult. Children under the age of two will not be permitted into any area of the stadium.

### TICKETS

**Tickets for ABK RL Ashes at Wembley Stadium are now available to download for digital/print @ home tickets.**

To ensure you have the most up to date ticket information, please click on the link within your confirmation email and download your tickets. Alternatively, you can access your tickets by logging into your online account at [www.rugby-league.com/tickets](http://www.rugby-league.com/tickets).

Print at home tickets can be purchased online at [rugby-league.com/tickets](http://rugby-league.com/tickets) until 1pm on Friday 24<sup>th</sup> October with prices starting from £20 Adults and £10 Juniors.

After 1pm until 4pm on Friday 24<sup>th</sup> October, a new delivery method will be set up with Wembley Stadium sending out print at home ticket(s) on behalf of RL Commercial Ticketing. Please note, these tickets may not be sent instantly but you will receive them by Friday Evening.

Tickets can still be purchased online between 4pm on Friday 24<sup>th</sup> until 9am on Saturday 25<sup>th</sup> October and available to collect from the North Stand West Ticket Office.

Tickets will be available to buy on the day from the North Stand West Ticket Office which opens at 10.00am on Saturday 25 October and closes at half-time of the fixture.

Please note that once you enter the stadium, you will not be able to leave and then re-enter.

### **TICKET PLUS**

Doors to ticket+ will open at 12:30pm with food and drink available to purchase within your suite. However, should you prefer to purchase food offerings available on the concourse you will be granted access to bring this back into your suite.

### **FOOD AND DRINK**

You cannot bring your own food and drink into the venue. Wembley Stadium offers an extensive range of food and drink inside the stadium, including M&S food stores situated on Level 2 of the East and West Stand. The two stores offer guests the traditional variety of options you can expect from a M&S food store. Alcohol will be allowed to be consumed in stadium seats.

### **CASHLESS STADIUM**

Wembley Stadium is a cashless venue. No kiosks, including programme sales, will accept cash. Contactless & Card payments will be accepted at all kiosks inside the stadium.

### **BOX PARK**

Kick off your weekend early at Box Park Wembley on the Friday night with an exciting live show where we discuss all things rugby league before the 1st Test between Australia and England.

The Levels Network Podcast will be hosting this event, bringing you expert insights and lively discussions with ex NRL stars Willie Mason, Justin Horo and very special guest - Wigan and Great Britain legend Martin Offiah! Get their insights, Q and A, old war stories, lots of laughs and more.

Join in the banter with hundreds of Aussie and English fans gearing up for a massive 1st test the following day. Food and drinks available on the day. Purchase your tickets in advance [here](#).

## **FAN ZONE**

There is a dedicated fan zone for all Rugby League fans on the East Side of the stadium. East Village offers supporters the chance to enjoy food and drink (including alcohol) while listening to the latest sounds from our resident DJ. They are the perfect place to soak up the pre-match party atmosphere with fellow fans. The fan zone will be open from 10.00, with alcoholic drinks not available until 11am, and close 30 minutes prior to kick-off. They will stop serving alcohol one hour before kick-off. Supporters will need to present a valid stadium ticket to enter the fan zone and spaces are limited. The stadium's bag policy (see below) also applies to anyone visiting the fan zone.

## **IN BOWL ENTERTAINMENT**

Bringing the energy is go-to hype DJ Tony Perry. Perry is synonymous with Wembley Stadium having DJ'd for England football and England Rugby Six Nations amongst countless other blockbuster events. He has previously curated special match day mixes, including for the Rugby League World Cup back in 2021, and is ready to launch the Ashes series with a new, unique mix for all ages.

Returning to the Wembley stage is Laura Wright who will sing England's National Anthem at all three England v Australia Ashes games this Autumn. Wright, one of the world's leading classical artists, is no stranger to the world of Rugby League having performed at the Super League Grand Final for almost a decade. She has featured at numerous other major sporting events, including the recent NFL London series and the Invictus Games. Singing the Australian National Anthem is Australian-French mezzo-soprano Rebecca Hart.

Hosting the event is the voice of Rugby League, Pete Nuttall, who will be joined by Rich Williams who can be heard across Virgin Radio UK. Williams brings vast experience to the team having hosted various major sporting events, including the Rugby League World Cup and Women's Euros.

And we're also bringing back our fan engagement platform, Vixi Suite, so fans can get themselves up on the big screen. But watch out for our roaming cams looking to catch you out with some snapchat filters. There will also be live polls and quizzes to test your Ashes knowledge.

## **DISABLED SUPPORTERS**

Wembley Stadium is a welcoming and inclusive venue for all guests with access requirements. There are 310 places for wheelchair users, each with a personal

assistant/companion seat. The stadium also provides a range of services for guests with specialist access requirements including a shuttle service from Wembley Park Station. More information can be found [here](#).

## **RESTRICTED BAG POLICY**

Wembley Stadium operates a restricted bag policy. Each person can only bring one small bag into the stadium, and it must not be bigger than A4 size: Height – 297mm (11.7 inches) - Width – 210mm (8.27 inches) - Depth – 210mm (8.27 inches).

Please note, this means the overall bag size – bags that are half-full and folded over to reduce their size will not be accepted. Anyone carrying bags that do not meet the criteria above will not be allowed into the stadium. A full list of prohibited items can be found [here](#).

## **BAGGAGE DROP**

A baggage drop service is located next to the Ibis Hotel. The bag drop will open 10.30am until 2 hours after the game ends.

## **TRAVEL**

There are planned road closures around Wembley Stadium on the day of the event. Please be aware of these closures before planning your trip.

The road closures will go in from 10.30am and roads will re-open at FT+2 or earlier if possible. The roads that will be affected are listed below:

- Atlantic Crescent
- Pacific Crescent
- Engineers Way
- South Way
- Fulton Road
- Rutherford Way (Resident access only)

## **SOFA TO SEAT**

Plan your route to Wembley Stadium from sofa to seat [here](#).

## **PARKING AT WEMBLEY STADIUM**

Event day parking at Wembley Stadium is limited and must be booked in advance via the [Wembley Official Parking website](#). Please book early to avoid disappointment. Any vehicles which do not pre-book will not be granted access to the stadium car parks. Customers are advised to park via the official car parks only. Blue badge parking is available for ticketholders with accessibility needs and this can also be booked directly through the Wembley Official Parking website. For any further accessibility requirements, please review [Wembley Stadium's Access Information page](#), or visit the [Guest support portal](#).

## **ABOUT WEMBLEY STADIUM**

### **No-street-drinking zone**

There is a no-street-drinking zone on Olympic Way and the surrounding area for ALL events at Wembley Stadium. This is part of the current Public Space Order Protection (PSPO) in place around the stadium on event days. More information on the order can be found [here](#).

As part of the PSPO, shops and off-licences around Wembley Stadium are also banned from selling alcohol on match days.

Fans caught drinking on Olympic Way and the surrounding streets ahead of the Ashes will have to hand over their alcohol and enforcement action may be considered.

Supporters wanting alcohol before the game should head for the licensed bars or restaurants in the area or make their way to the dedicated fan zone outside the stadium.

### **Flags**

Guests may bring a flag into the ground WITHOUT permission from Wembley Stadium should the following guidelines be followed:

- Level 1 & 2 – Flags more than 250cm at widest point not permitted (flagpoles larger than 1m)
- Level 5 - Flags more than 200cm x 100cm not permitted (flagpoles larger than 1m)

Full information can be found [here](#).

## **Anti-Social Behaviour**

Wembley Stadium has a zero-tolerance policy for all anti-social and discriminatory behaviour. Tougher measures are now in place for the following offences:

### **ANTI-SOCIAL BEHAVIOUR**

Entering the pitch without permission

Smoke bombs or pyros

Throwing objects

Drug use

Discriminatory behaviour

Racist or homophobic chanting

### **CONSEQUENCES**

Reported to the police

Ejected from the stadium

Criminal record

Education or employment at risk

Life-time ban

Help us to ensure all events at Wembley Stadium are a safe environment for everyone. If you witness any anti-social or discriminatory behaviour on the day, text HELP to 66566 or contact your nearest steward.