

A BILL

FOR

AN ACT TO MAKE PROVISION FOR THE CONTROL OF PUBLIC RECREATION
GROUND AND FOR RELATED MATTERS

Sponsored by Hon. Olufemi Bandele Adebajo

[-] Commencement

ENACTED by National Assembly of the federal Republic of
Nigeria as follows:

- 1 1. An act performed in a recreation ground by an officer or servant
- 2 * of the ministry of sports in the proper execution of his duty shall not be an
- 3 offence. Acts by Ministry
Officers or Servant
- 4 2. No person shall in a recreation ground:
- 5 (a) soil, deface or destroy any building, barrier, railing, post, seat,
- 6 erection, ornament, or any wall or fence in or enclosing a recreation •Damage to
recreation ground
or buildings
- 7 (b) climb any wall or fence in or enclosing a recreation ground, or
- 8 any tree, barrier, railing, post or other erection;
- 9 (c) remove or displace any barrier, railing, post, seat, or any part of
- 10 any erection or ornament, or any implement provided for use in the laying
- 11 out or maintenance of a recreation ground.
- 12 3. No person shall bring or cause to be brought into a recreation
- 13 ground any cattle, sheep, goats, pigs, or any beast of draught or burden, Prohibition of
cattle
- 14 except in pursuance of an agreement with the Council, or in the exercise of
- 15 any lawful right or privilege.
- 16 4. No person shall bring or cause to be brought into a recreation
- 17 ground any vehicle: Prohibition of
vehicles
- 18 Provided that this By-law shall not apply to:
- 19 (a) vehicles of a recognised type intended for the conveyance of
- 20 children or invalids; and
- 21 (b) vehicles for the use of which a place is set apart by the Council.

Restriction of vehicles	1	5. No person shall in a recreation ground drive, ride, wheel or station a
	2	vehicle over upon:
	3	(a) any flower bed, shrub, or plant, or any ground in course of
	4	preparation as a flower bed or for the growth of any tree, shrub, or plant;
	5	(b) any portion of a recreation ground prohibited by the Council by a
	6	notice board affixed or set up in a conspicuous position.
Bill posting	7	6. No person shall affix any bill, placard, or notice, to or upon any
	8	tree, plant, building, barrier, railing, seat, erection, ornament or any wall or
	9	fence in or enclosing a recreation ground.
Protection of grass and plants	10	7. No person shall in a recreation ground enter:
	11	(a) any place where entry is prohibited by notice placed thereon;
	12	(b) any flower bed, shrub, or plant, or any ground in course of
	13	preparation as a flower bed or for the growth of any tree, shrub, or plant.
Damage to grass and plants	14	8. No person shall in a recreation ground:
	15	(a) remove, cut, or displace any soil, turf, plant or tree;
	16	(b) pluck any bud, blossom, flower, or leaf of any tree, shrub, or plant;
	17	(c) throw or discharge any missile to the damage or danger of any
	18	person.
Admission charge	19	9. Where a charge is made for admission of the public to a recreation
	20	ground no person entering such recreation ground shall refuse or neglect to pay
	21	such charge.
Dogs	22	10. No person shall cause, suffer or permit any dog belonging to him
	23	or in his charge to enter or remain in a recreation ground, unless such dog is
	24	under proper control, and effectually restrained from causing annoyance or
	25	disturbance to any person, animal or water-fowl, or entering any ornamental
	26	water.
Specified games	27	11. Where the Council has set apart a portion of a recreation ground by
	28	a notice board affixed or set up in a conspicuous position therein, for the
	29	purpose of a game specified in the notice board, no person shall elsewhere in
	30	such recreation ground play or take part in such game.

1 12. No person shall in any portion of a recreation ground play or Unfit ground
 2 take part in any game when the state of the ground makes it unfit for use or a
 3 notice prohibiting play is set up in a conspicuous position.

4 13. No person shall in a recreation ground:

5 (a) erect any post, rail, fence, pole, tent, booth, stand, building or General
 6 other structure without first obtaining permission in writing from the prohibitions
 7 Council which, in granting such permission, may impose such conditions as
 8 it considers appropriate;

9 (b) beat, shake, sweep, brush, or cleanse any carpet, rug, mat, or
 10 any other fabric retaining dust or dirt;

11 (c) wash clothing or other material or hang, spread, or deposit any
 12 linen or other fabric for drying or bleaching;

13 (d) sell, offer or expose for sale, or let to hire, or offer or expose for
 14 letting to hire, any commodity or article, excepting in pursuance of an
 15 agreement with the Council, or in the exercise of any lawful right or
 16 privilege;

17 (e) deposit litter or refuse, except in litter bins provided therefor.

18 14. No person shall in a recreation ground wilfully obstruct, Annoyances and
 19 disturb, interrupt, or annoy any other person in the proper use of the obstructions
 20 recreation ground, or wilfully obstruct, disturb, or interrupt any officer of
 21 the Council in the proper execution of his duty, or any person or servant of
 22 any person employed by the Council in the proper execution of any work in
 23 connection with the laying out or maintenance of the recreation ground.

24 15. Any person who shall contravene or fail to comply with any of Penalty
 25 these commits an offence and on conviction shall be liable to a fine not
 26 exceeding one hundred thousand naira.

27 16. Any person who shall infringe any of these provisions may be Removal of
 28 removed from a recreation ground by any officer of the Council. offenders

29 17. In this Act:

30 "Recreation grounds" means any of the recreation grounds (or sports stadia) Interpretation

1 "Vehicle" means motor vehicle, cart, carriage, perambulator, bicycle or motor
2 bicycle

short title

3 18. This Bill may be cited as the Public Recreation Ground Bill,
4 2021.

EXPLANATORY MEMORANDUM

This Bill seeks to make provision for the control of Public Recreation Ground.