

## **CONTRIBUTORS AND STAKEHOLDERS' RESPONSIBILITIES TO SPORTS FACILITY SAFETY AND SECURITY: A FOCUS ON STADIUM**

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### **ABSTRACT**

There is no doubt that sports especially football is one of the most crowd-pulling social events across diverse societies. Active and passive sportspersons converge mostly in the sports facility to participate in football. Sport studies have shown that the safety and security of the sportspersons at the stadium as well as the stadium and football itself are of great concern to sports stakeholders. The sports stakeholders have responsibilities to ensure the safety and security of the stadium as a facility for football. The paper discussed entry/exit/emergency points, fence and fencing, security personnel, stadium capacity, waste management, seat and seating dynamics, ticket and ticketing dynamics, stadium access time, sports facility design and construction, poor sports officiating, drug use by sports persons, sports consumers' profile and crowd dynamics as contributors to stadium safety and security. The responsibilities of government, players/athletes, officiating officials, sports federations/associations/governing bodies, fans, parents, spectators, media, football sponsors and security personnel to stadium safety and security were equally highlighted.

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