



# Gemeente Amsterdam

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Date 22 November 2024  
Copies to Sindaco di Roma, UEFA, KNVB, Ajax  
Subject SS Lazio supporters not welcome in Amsterdam around match against Ajax on 12 December 2024 to maintain public order

Dear President Lotito,

Your club, SS Lazio, is scheduled to play Ajax in the Europa League on 12 December 2024 at 21.00. The match, which will be held in the Johan Crujff Arena in Amsterdam, has been assessed as 'high risk' by UEFA, the clubs and local police.

The police have informed the Amsterdam Security Council that some of your supporters are known to have right-wing extremist and fascist sympathies, and to express anti-Semitic and racist sentiments through songs and illegal symbols. In the past, these expressions have been directed at players, rival fans and other individuals. With some regularity, SS Lazio fans perform the Nazi salute, display swastikas and abuse the image of Anne Frank. This behaviour is not incidental in nature, but structural, taking place at both home and away matches. Given the current climate, the Amsterdam Security Council believes that open expressions of racism, anti-Semitism and fascism could provoke counter-reactions and create a risk of serious disturbances of public order. Previous clashes between Ajax supporters and rival supporters with far-right sympathies have also been taken into account.

On several occasions in recent years, blunt weapons and/or heavy fireworks have been confiscated from SS Lazio supporters attending European matches. Moreover, these fans frequently engage in objectionable behaviour, and do not hesitate to commit criminal offences. Over the past two years, there have also been several incidents of public disorder and confrontations involving SS Lazio supporters before matches against AZ Alkmaar and FC Twente in the Netherlands. Ending and preventing such incidents requires substantial police deployment, as well as the use of security zones and emergency ordinances. This would be no different in Amsterdam.

It has likely not escaped your notice that Amsterdam has been in the world news in recent weeks, following the violent incidents that took place on 7 and 8 November around the football match between Ajax and Maccabi Tel Aviv. Our city was confronted with a toxic cocktail of hooliganism, anti-Semitism, racism and outrage over the war in the Middle East, resulting in riots, unrest and feelings of insecurity among various local communities. In the wake of these unsettling events, Amsterdam needs time to recover and heal, which is why the Security Council's first priority is to

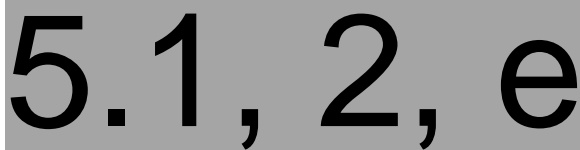
monitor and maintain public order, strengthen social cohesion between all residents and protect those struggling with insecurity and fear.

We are committed to restoring calm, but reducing and rechanneling the societal tensions we are currently faced with is putting a significant strain on our policing capacity. In view of this situation, we cannot justify the large commitment of already scarce police resources that would be required to manage the risks around a match attended by supporters of your club.

Taking into account past experiences, the recent turmoil and reports from the police and UEFA about your supporters, the Amsterdam Security Council concludes that the presence of your supporters would create an unacceptable risk of large-scale disorder, which could lead to further unrest. The Mayor, the Chief Public Prosecutor and the Chief of Police of Amsterdam have therefore decided that SS Lazio supporters will not be welcome in Amsterdam around 12 December 2024, the date of the match against Ajax. This includes the days before and after the match.

The Security Council recognises that this decision, which has not been taken lightly, comes with consequences, and that it will be disappointing to the clubs, the players and the supporters. However, the current circumstances require that we focus our attention and resources on ensuring local security, defusing societal tensions and maintaining calm and public order.

Yours sincerely,  
On behalf of the Amsterdam Security Council,



Femke Halsema  
Mayor of Amsterdam

#### Objections

If you disagree with this decision, you can submit an objection within six weeks of the date of this letter. Your notice of objection must include:

- your name, address, place of residence and telephone number;
- the date on which you wrote your objection and your signature;
- the reference number of this decision;
- a substantiation of your objection.

Please include a copy of this letter. Send your notice of objection to:

The Mayor of Amsterdam

Legal Department

PO Box 202

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Please also send a copy of your notice of objection to [bezwaarenberoep@amsterdam.nl](mailto:bezwaarenberoep@amsterdam.nl).

Decision remains in force

The decision you object to will remain in force until we have processed your appeal. This may take several months.

Interim injunction

If your objection is urgent, you can request an interim injunction. Please note that there are costs associated with this.

You can apply for an interim injunction with the Interim Injunction Judge of the Amsterdam District Court:

The Interim Injunction Judge of the Amsterdam District Court

Public Law Division – Administrative Law Department

PO Box 75850

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You can also request an interim injunction at [loket.rechtspraak.nl/bestuursrecht](https://loket.rechtspraak.nl/bestuursrecht).

For more information on how to apply for an interim injunction, please visit [rechtspraak.nl](https://rechtspraak.nl).