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WEALDSTONE promoted to the National League



Wealdstone will be celebrating their promotion to the National League next weekend after they were named champions of NL South
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Stones making ticket plans

SEASON TICKET HOLDERS WILL BE GIVEN PRIORITY



Wealdstone supporters
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WEALDSTONE will provide priority access to season ticket holders next season, should games be played in front of reduced crowds.

Currently no supporters are allowed in football stadiums due to the coronavirus pandemic, but with next season expected to begin sometime in September, it is thought there could be a chance of some supporters being permitted to enter grounds by then.

This week Prime Minister Boris Johnson announced that pubs would be allowed to open their doors once again from next weekend as the country's lockdown measures are further reduced.

While stadiums are not yet permitted to allow supporters in, by September that may well have changed.

Stones are looking ahead to next season already having been crowned champions of the National League South. They will play in English football's fifth tier for the first time since 1988.

Considering all possibilities, Wealdstone say they have already started to make preparations in the event that some supporters are allowed to watch games from the terraces next season.

In a statement published to their website, the club said: "This campaign will be our first in the fifth tier since 1988 and we want to make sure none of our most loyal supporters miss out on the opportunity to watch the Stones during these uncertain times.

"That is why we have introduced priority admission for season ticket holders at home games next season, in the event of any restrictions on capacity due to social distancing guidelines."

Stones host celebration

By Ryan Gray

WEALDSTONE will be hosting a "socially-distant" celebration of their promotion after they were finally declared champions of the National League South last week following a vote by all member clubs to end the National League on an unweighted points per game basis.

Following the news, the Wealdstone board released a statement saying: "The announcement from the National League confirming our promotion is fantastic news for the club and everyone connected to it. Huge congratulations must go to Dean and Stuart, along with Kirk, Gary and Matty for delivering a side which played exceptional football and exceeded all our expectations for the season. Not only did the football put smiles on the faces of all our supporters but so did the way this management team conducted themselves and integrated themselves into the club."

The club revealed their plans for the celebration in a post on their website.

It reads: "Wealdstone FC can confirm that we will be hosting a socially-distant

Champions Celebration at Grosvenor Vale on Saturday July 4.

"The club will be utilising the stadium, Ruislip Social Club and our football fields outside the stadium to practise the government guidelines on social distancing throughout the day.

"Our celebrations will begin from 11am and will cost £2 for entry, which will contribute to essential ground improvements ahead of next season. We will be providing a barbecue, music, ice cream vans, children's entertainment and rides during the day. There will also be a raffle and the Megastore will host a stall with merchandise.

"Our champions will arrive from 1pm to join in the celebrations with supporters under social distancing guidelines. Alcohol will be served by Ruislip Social Club and is only permitted if purchased from the Ruislip Social Club."

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