ACCESSIBLE PUBLIC TRANSPORT TO THE NATIONAL FOOTBALL STADIUM AT WINDSOR PARK

BY BUS

Translink NI operate the public transport bus network. The bus network in Belfast is very accessible for disabled travellers as all services operate with accessible vehicles.

Services to Belfast from other cities in Northern Ireland have numerous accessible vehicles on their routes, but not all vehicles in use have wheelchair access.



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Buses running in Belfast are wheelchair accessible with low-level floors and ramped access, operated by the driver. There is space onboard for one wheelchair user and five priority seats for other disabled passengers. Translink NI recommend that you should contact them the day before travelling if possible. You can contact Translink on 028 90666630 and leave details in advance. Translink also have a contact form on their website. Click **here** to access it.

Accessible travel by bus from Europa Bus Centre/ Great Victoria Street Rail Station

Europa Bus Centre is located in Glengall Street in Belfast city centre. It is adjacent to Great Victoria Street Rail Station.

From the bus station take any of the buses shown, to Ulsterville Avenue and walk to the stadium. From Ulsterville Avenue it is approximately a 10-minute walk to the stadium via Fane Street and Donegall Avenue. This route involves using a stepped bridge. This may be suitable for people with limited mobility, but not for wheelchair users. **See Map 1 on page 32.**

Wheelchair users are advised to travel from Ulsterville Avenue stop via Lisburn Road to Tates Avenue. Travel up and over the road bridge to Ebor Street. Take immediate left to Tates Avenue Lower. Follow along to Donegall Avenue and then to the stadium entrance. **See Map 2 on page 3.**

Buses

9a in the direction of Conway (5 stops)
9b in the direction of Taughmonagh (5 stops)
523 or 530a in the direction of Lisburn (4 stops)
525 in the direction of Knockmore (4 stops)
551 or 551b in the direction of Craigavon (6 stops)

BY RAIL

Translink NI, through NI Railways, operate public transport rail connections. When using Translink trains there is always a ramp available to support use by disabled passengers or those with limited mobility.

There are dedicated spaces for wheelchair users to sit in while on the train. All Translink trains have these support facilities. You can contact Translink on 028 90666630 for more information. Alternatively click **here** to access Translink's online contact form.



Accessible Travel By Train

Disabled supporters arriving at Lanyon Place Rail Station are advised to take a taxi to the stadium as walking distances to other public transport hubs are lengthy.

Alternatively a train can be taken from Lanyon Place station to Europa Bus Centre/Great Victoria Street Rail Station. From there the above bus routes can be used, or a train connection to City Hospital train halt is an alternative for wheelchair users. Train travel from Europa Bus Centre/Great Victoria Street Rail Station directly

to the stadium is not recommended as the nearest halt/stop (Adelaide) is not wheelchair accessible. City Hospital halt

is wheelchair accessible, but it is approximately a one mile (1.6km) walk from the stadium via Donegall Road westbound and Donegall Avenue. See Map 3 on page 3.

From Belfast International Airport

To reach the stadium from the airport by bus:

Disabled spectators can take Airport Express 300 to Europa Bus Centre. From there take any of the buses listed on page 1 and alight at Ulsterville Avenue.

From George Best Belfast City Airport

To reach the stadium from the airport by bus:

Disabled spectators can take Airport Express 600 to May Street/City Hall (five stops). From there walk approximately for 60 seconds towards Adelaide Street to Donegall Square East bus stop and take the 9b in the direction of Taughmonagh and alight at Ulsterville Avenue (six stops).

Belfast Taxi Service

FonaCab are the official taxi partner of the Irish FA and the Northern Ireland national teams.

Some of the vehicles in their fleet are wheelchair accessible. If you require a wheelchair taxi please contact them on 028 90 333 333 to book in advance or to check availability. Their app is also available to download on both iOS and Android devices. Click FonCAB iOS or FonaCAB Android to download. You may need to create an account to access the app if you are not an existing customer.

Stadium Car Parking

There are a limited number of spaces available for accessible parking at the stadium.

These parking spaces can be requested when applying for match tickets.

Accessibility Buggy

An accessibility buggy is now in operation at senior men's team international matches.

It is located at the entrance to the South Stand on Boucher Boulevard and is available from 1.5 hours prior to kick-off. It can carry a maximum of three passengers at a time. This service cannot be prebooked and operates on a first come, first served basis.

Drop-Off Points

The National Football Stadium at Windsor Park is located at Donegall Avenue in Belfast.

Many fans will enter the stadium via the Boucher Road and Donegall Avenue entrances. It may be possible to drop passengers off at the Boucher Road junction to Windsor Way and at the Donegall Avenue entrance, however please be aware that access to these drop-off points in a vehicle within two hours of kick-off may not be accepted by PSNI on duty in the area around the stadium.















Useful contacts and links

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