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Late night licensing guide to Fury v Joshua

What is the boxing match?

A heavyweight bout between Anthony Joshua and Tyson Fury, currently two of the best-known heavyweights in the UK. There is no title or “belt” at stake here.

When is it?

The whole boxing night starts between 20:00 and 21:00 on 11th December 2026 and runs into the early hours of 12th December 2026. There are several other fights on the “card” that night which ends with Anthony Joshua and Tyson Fury who are due to come out and do their “Ring walk” at 01:00 on 12th December.

Where is it?

The 80,000 capacity Principality Stadium in Cardiff.

What time will it end?

It obviously depends on how the bout goes and whether any one boxer stops the other earlier than the scheduled final round of the bout. Should it start on time just after 01:00 then the bout should end by 02:00 on 12th December. The stadium is due to close, from press articles, by 03:30 at the latest so one could speculate the bout should not go on beyond 03:00.

Why is the bout on so late?

The bout is on at the time it is because this is the peak viewing time in America.

Is the bout being shown on television?

Yes, it is being showing on Netflix, but commercial premises will require a Pay-per-View commercial licence to show the bout

Do I need permission for indoor sports?

No this is only needed if the bout was taking place on your premises!

Do I need permission to show films?

No, there is no requirement to have permission to show films on your licence because this is a simultaneous broadcasting of the event, but you will need a commercial licence with Netflix/Sky Business (see above).

How can you sell alcohol to 03:00 or 03:30?

You will need to issue a Temporary Event Notice ("TEN") if your premises licence does not extend to 03:00 or 03:30 for the sale of alcohol on a Friday night into a Saturday morning. However, you will be restricted to an audience of 499 including staff. The deadline for submitting a standard TEN is 26th November or 3rd December 2026 for a late TEN but beware because any objections from the police or Environmental Health to a Late TEN effectively acts as a veto and the TEN cannot go ahead.



How can I sell food to 03:00 or 03:30?

Again, you will need to issue a TEN if your premises licence does not permit late night refreshment to 03:00/03:30 on a Friday night into a Saturday morning. However, again you will be restricted to an audience of 499 including staff.

What else should I consider?

Are there any conditions on your premises licence which would restrict you opening as you would like to do so? For example, a last admission time of midnight or a condition that you will not show any sporting events. Some premises licences do have specific conditions on them covering showing boxing or televised sports on television. If there are such conditions, then again you would need to issue a Temporary Event Notice so the conditions do not attach to the event (although the Police or Environmental Health could ask for such conditions to form part of the Temporary Event Notice so this may not work).

You should speak to your local police and advise them that you are looking to open to show the bout and also complete a full risk assessment to establish if additional safeguards should be taken to safeguard against crime, disorder or anti-social behaviour during the event. Additional safeguards could include the use of door staff, use of polycarbonates, installation of additional televisions, or restricting access to the event to avoid overcrowding.

If you do have televisions outside then consider whether in light of the time the bout is being shown, it is a sensible idea to show the bout outside with the associated risk of noise and disturbance to neighbours.

Is there an alternative to a Temporary Event Notice?

You could submit an application for full variation to your premises licence, but time will in all likelihood not allow you to do this because you should allow up to 9 weeks for a variation to be determined. This would however allow an audience of more than 499 and could depending on how it is phrased cover similar future events too.

Check your premises licence because some do provide for one off extensions for events similar to this.

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