SPECTATOR SPORTS – UK – 2023

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This report looks at the following areas:

- The impact of the cost-of-living crisis on spectator sports
- How other sports can step out of football's shadow
- The value of major events
- The implications for viewing and spectating habits of demographic change
- The importance of fandom
- · What fans think about ethics in sport
- How new events can find space in a crowded market



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Overview

Live sport offers levels of reach and engagement beyond almost all other forms of entertainment: 75% of all online adults have watched in the last year and 89% of these describe themselves as fans of a team or athlete.

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