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GLASGOW 2026

SPECTATOR GUIDE

THE CLOSING CEREMONY AT THE HYDRO

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TOP TIPS

- Doors open at 8pm - arrive early to soak up the atmosphere and be in your seat before the live televised Ceremony begins promptly at 9pm.
- Please use public transport, walk or wheel to the Games – travel green!
- Have tickets ready to scan before reaching the entrance to help keep queues moving.
- Only refillable water bottles up to 750ml are permitted. [View the full list of restricted and prohibited items here.](#)
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**COME FOR THE GAMES,
STAY FOR GLASGOW**

A SPECTACULAR FINALE

Welcome to the Closing Ceremony of the Glasgow 2026 Commonwealth Games - the moment the Games officially draw to a close.

Bringing together athletes from 74 nations and territories, this spectacular finale marks the end of 11 days of world-class sport. Inspired by the spirit of Glasgow and shaped by the people who call it home, the Ceremony promises a memorable evening of music, performance and celebration as the Commonwealth comes together one final time.

This guide contains everything spectators need to know before arriving at the venue, from travel information and facilities to helpful tips for making the most of the evening.



WHAT TO EXPECT

The Closing Ceremony is expected to last approximately 90 minutes and marks the conclusion of the Glasgow 2026 Commonwealth Games.

The evening will celebrate the athletes, volunteers, workforce and communities who made Glasgow 2026 possible, while reflecting on the unforgettable sporting moments that defined the Games. Alongside the ceremonial traditions that bring the Games to a close, spectators can look forward to spectacular live performances that celebrate Glasgow, Scotland and the Commonwealth.

Headlined by Scottish rock legends Simple Minds, the Ceremony will feature an outstanding line-up of artists, including Cammy Barnes, BEMZ, Sandi Thom, Elephant Sessions, Shereen Cutkelvin, Delta Goodrem, Manushi Chhillar, Rishab Rikhiram Sharma, Ross Ainslie, Shankar Mahadevan and his sons Siddharth and Shivam Mahadevan, as well as Bhoomi Trivedi. With surprises throughout the evening, the full show remains a closely guarded secret.

Please allow plenty of time for travel and entry to the venue, and aim to be in your seat well before the Ceremony begins. Arriving early will help ensure you don't miss any of the action.

The event will be broadcast live around the world, with television cameras operating throughout the venue. Once the Ceremony is underway, there may be periods when movement around the venue is temporarily restricted to ensure the best experience for performers, athletes and spectators, as well as for the live broadcast.

ABOUT THE VENUE



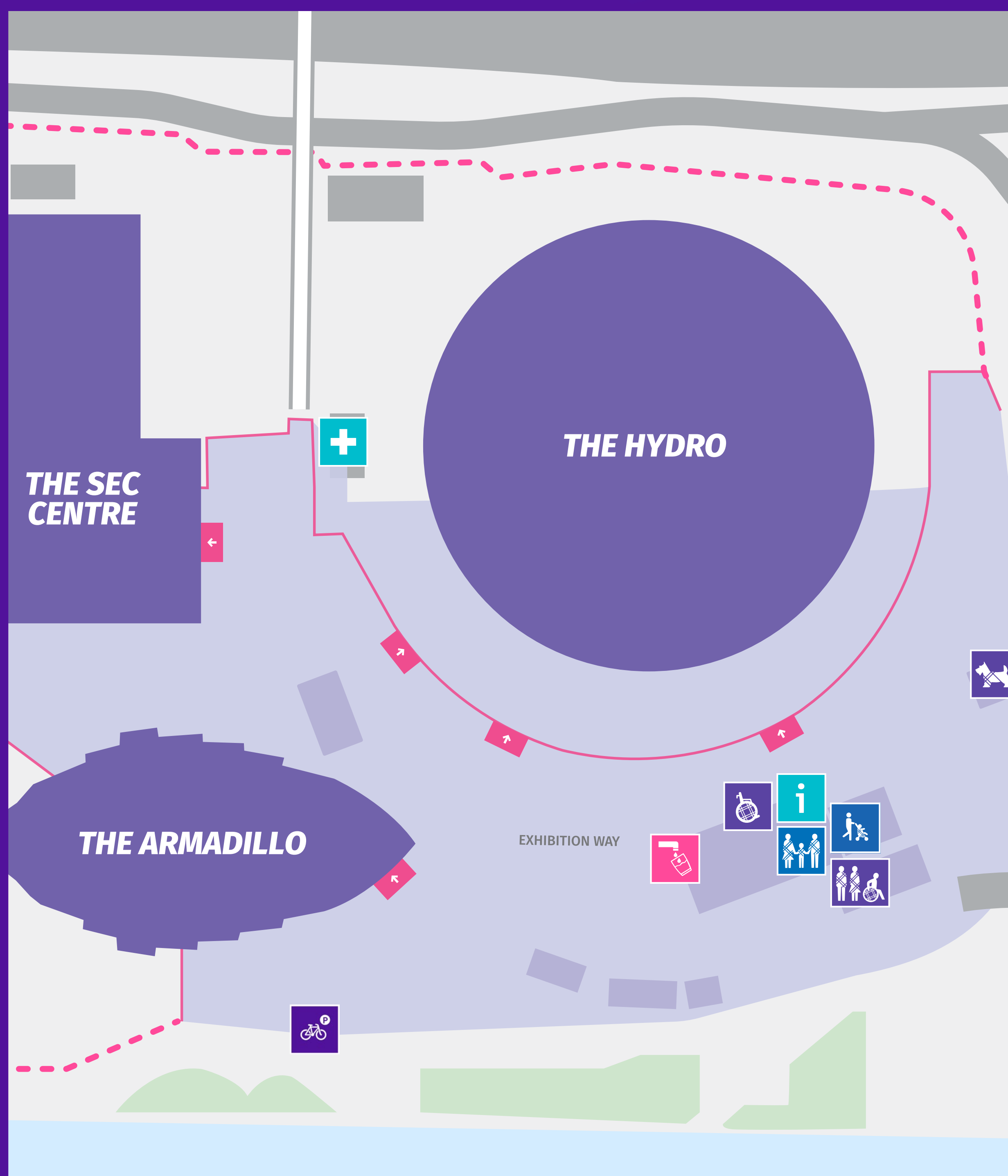
THE HYDRO

Located alongside the SEC Centre and the SEC Armadillo as part of the SEC Campus, the Hydro hosts international music artists, world-class entertainment and major sporting events. It is the fifth-largest indoor arena in the UK.

As well as the Opening and Closing Ceremony, the Hydro has hosted the Netball competition during Glasgow 2026, having previously staged the Netball and Gymnastics competitions during the Glasgow 2014 Commonwealth Games.

Address: [Exhibition Way, Stobcross Rd, Glasgow G3 8YW](#)

THE HYDRO SPECTATOR PLAZA MAP



TOILETS



**ACCESSIBLE
TOILET**



FIRST AID



**BUGGY
STORAGE**



**INFORMATION
POINT**



**WATER REFILL
STATION**



BIKE PARKING



**FAMILY REST
AREA**



SPECTATOR ENTRANCES

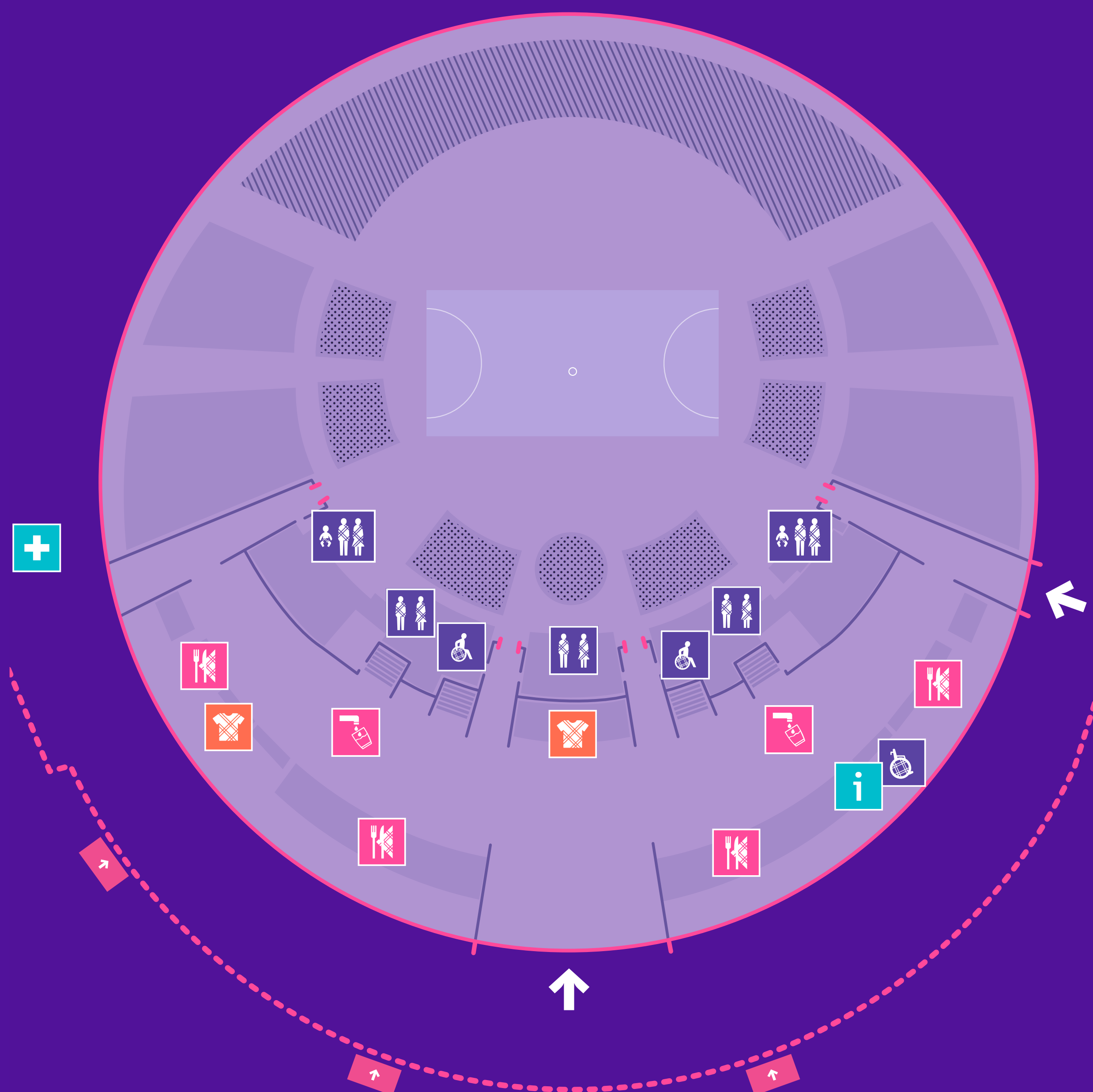


**WHEELCHAIR
LOAN**



**ASSISTANCE DOG
RELIEF AREA**

THE HYDRO INTERNAL MAP



Ground Floor Concourse



TOILETS



**ACCESSIBLE
TOILET**



FIRST AID



**WATER REFILL
STATION**



**INFORMATION
POINT**



**SPECTATOR ENTRANCE
INCLUDING ACCESSIBLE ENTRANCES**



**FOOD AND
DRINK**

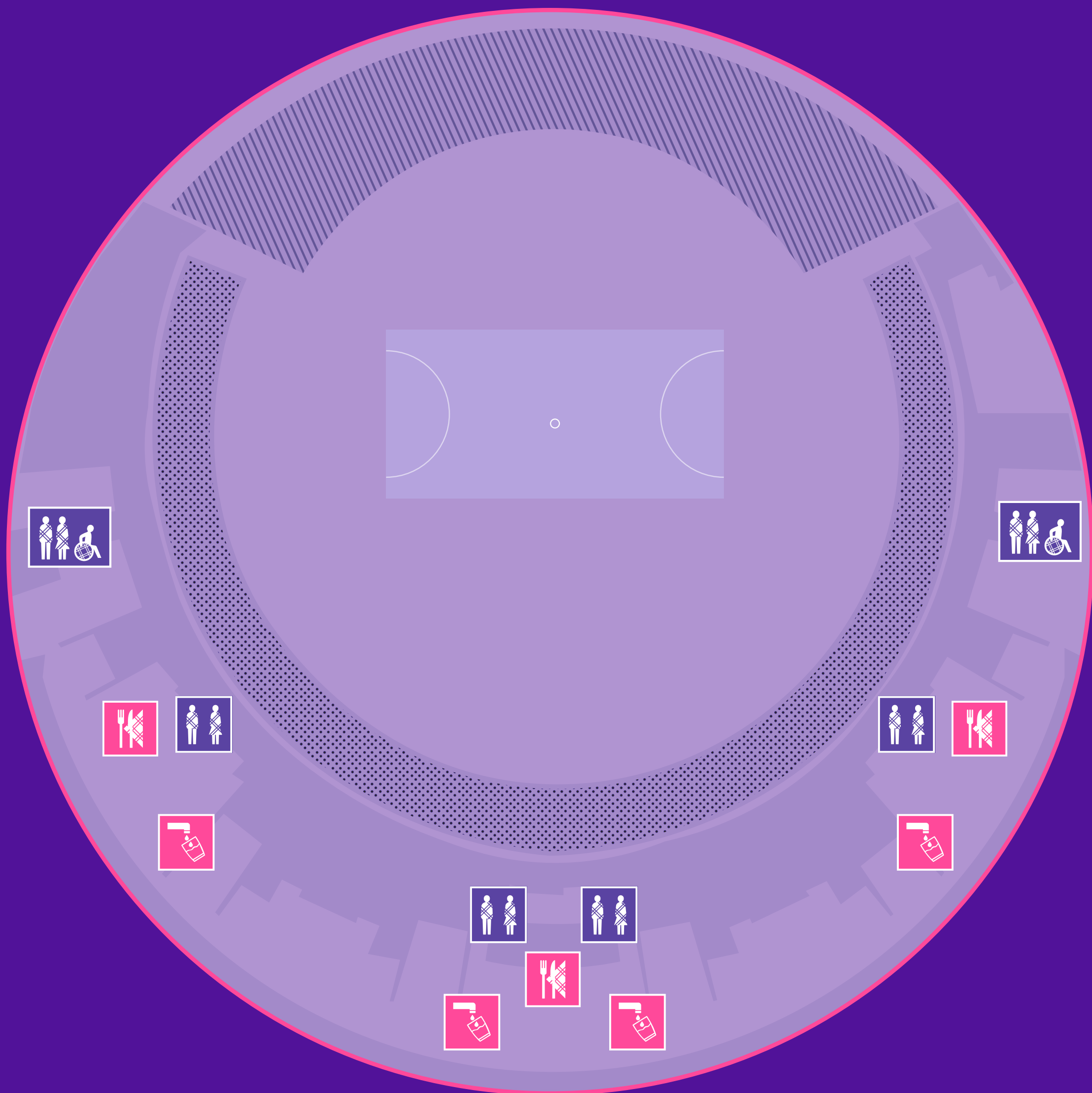


MERCHANDISE



**WHEELCHAIR
LOAN**

THE HYDRO INTERNAL MAP



Second Floor Concourse



TOILETS



ACCESSIBLE
TOILET



WATER REFILL
STATION



FOOD AND
DRINK

TRAVEL

GETTING TO AND FROM THE HYDRO

BY TRAIN:

The primary station for access to the Hydro is Exhibition Centre which is served by trains on the Argyle Line. A lift is available at the station to assist spectators with any accessibility requirements. Exhibition Centre Station is approximately a four-minute walk through a fully covered walkway to the Spectator Entrance in the Spectator Plaza. The route from the station to the venue will be signposted. Please note, the walkway features a distinct downward slope towards the final exit.

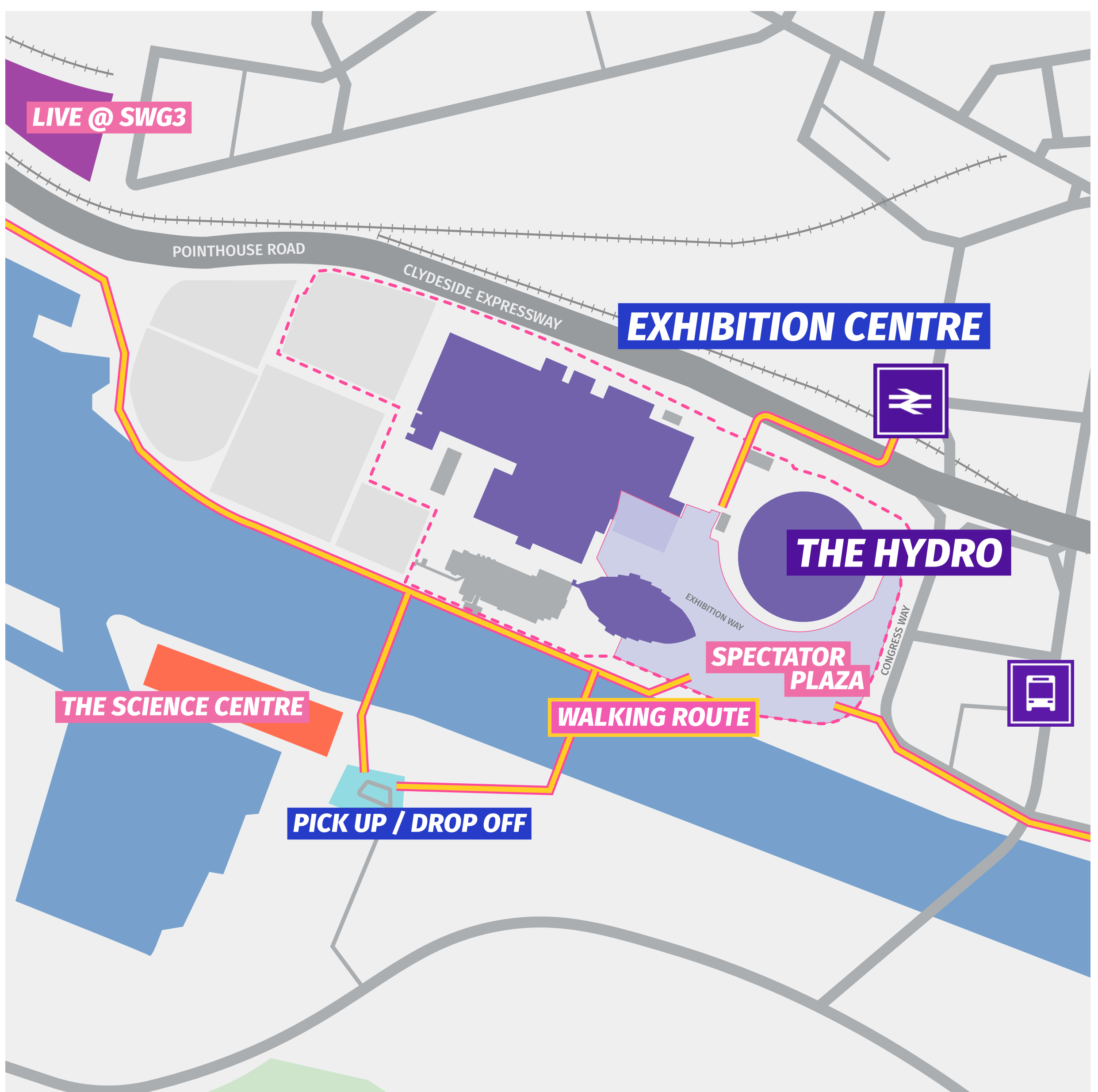
The nearest Subway stations are Partick, which is a 25-minute walk, and Ibrox, which is a 20-minute walk south of the river.

BY BUS:

Bus stops are located on Finnieston Street which is a four-minute walk from the venue and is served by the X19 bus. Bus stops are covered and have seating incorporated.

GETTING TO AND FROM THE HYDRO CONT.

MAP SHOWING BUS, TRAIN AND DROP OFF LOCATIONS



The pick up and drop off point for the Hydro is outside the Science Centre, Pacific Quay, G51 1EA. It is a nine-minute walk to the Hydro.

GETTING TO AND FROM THE HYDRO CONT.

BY FOOT OR WHEEL:

The most direct walking and wheeling route to and from the city centre is along the River Clyde which is approximately a 30-minute walk depending on the starting point in the city centre. The Hydro is easily accessible from the West End and the Southside by utilising the connecting foot bridges. This is a longer route which includes some slopes and changes in level.



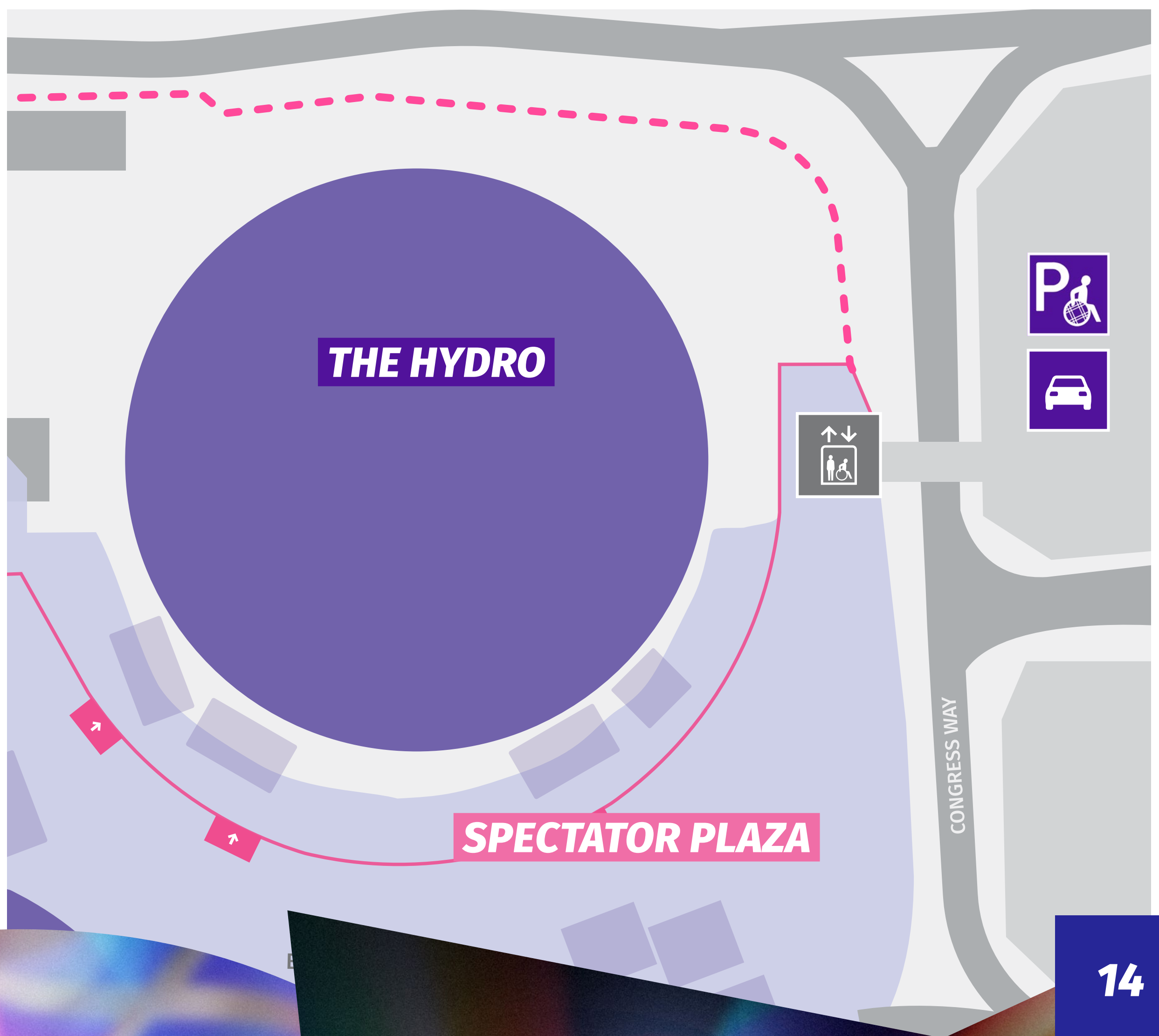
GETTING TO AND FROM THE HYDRO CONT.

BY CAR:

Parking is very limited around the venue. Wherever possible, spectators are encouraged to travel by public transport or active travel.

A multi-storey car park is available adjacent to the SEC at 10 Stobcross Road, Glasgow G3 8GS and is operated by Glasgow City Council.

Parking, including accessible spaces, is available on a first-come, first-served basis. Standard parking charges apply.



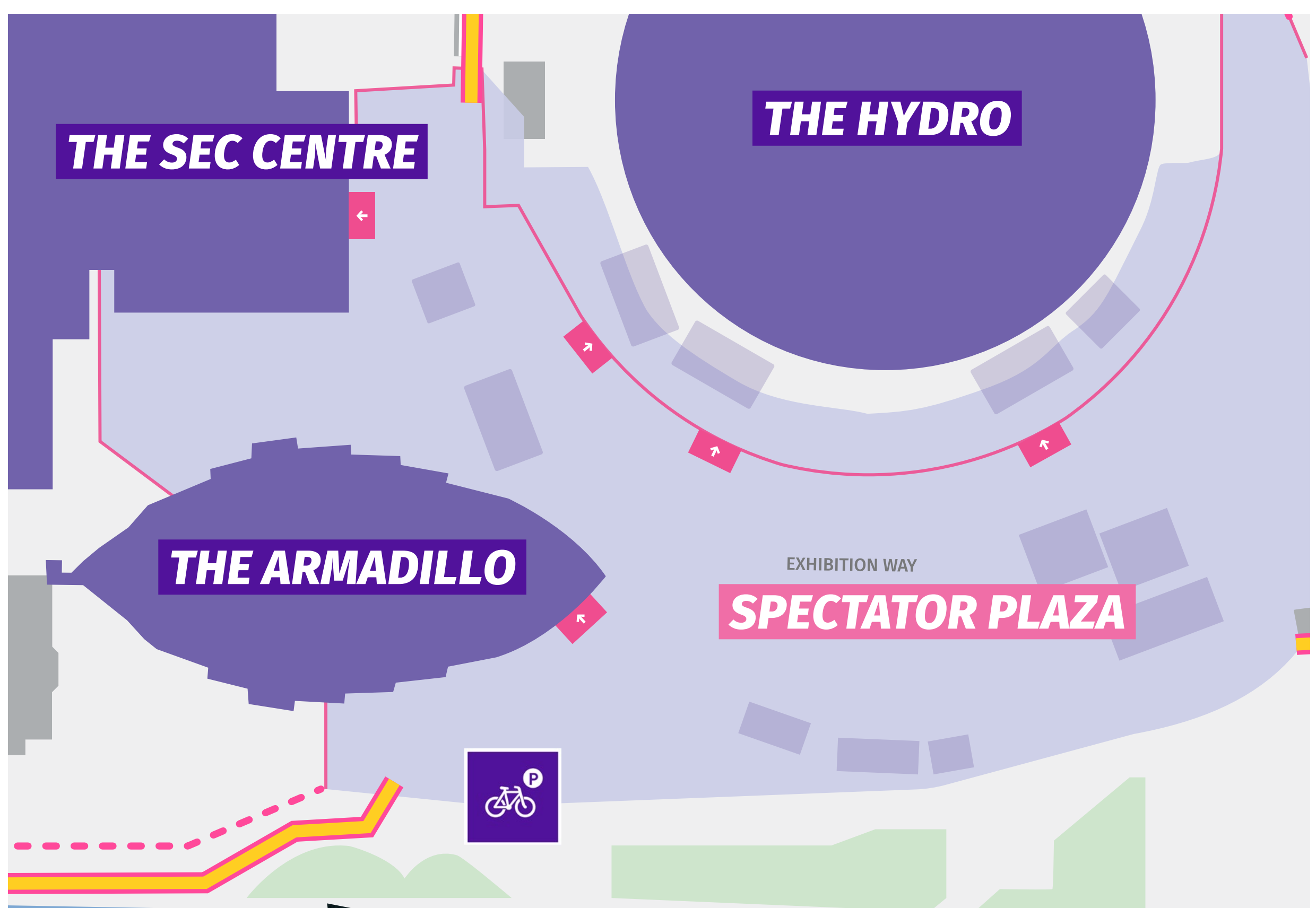
GETTING TO AND FROM THE HYDRO CONT.

BY BIKE:

Bike parking will be located on Stobcross Quay along the Clyde riverside adjacent to the SEC Armadillo. Spaces are limited and will be available on a first-come, first-served basis.

Bike parking is a self-service “lock and leave” area with plenty of room for everything from standard pedal bikes to larger frames.

Although barriered, the area is not monitored and spectators will be responsible for securing their own bike. All bikes are left entirely at the owner’s risk.

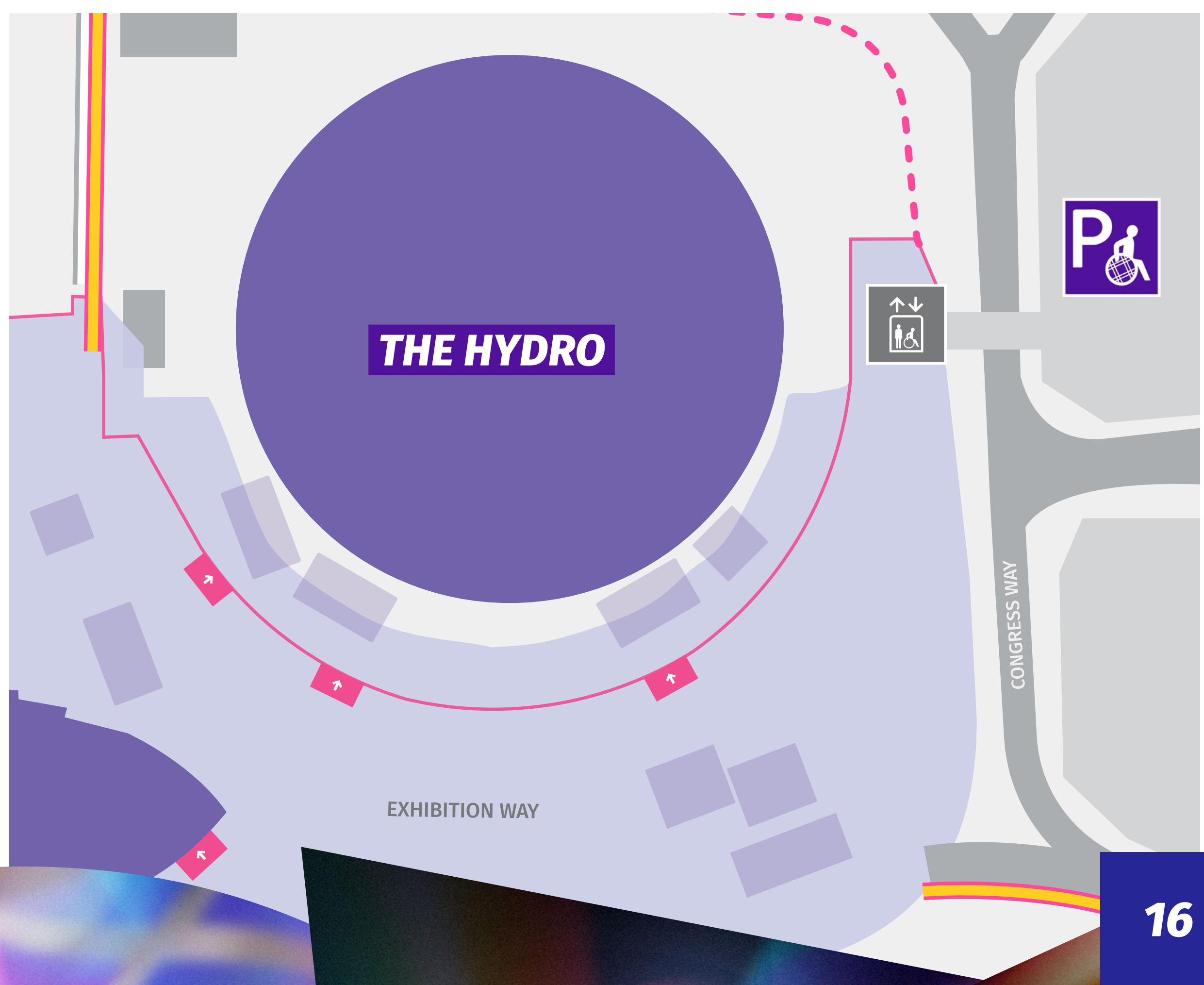


GETTING TO AND FROM THE HYDRO CONT.

ACCESSIBLE PARKING

Accessible parking is available in the multi-storey car park adjacent to the SEC, at 10 Stobcross Road, Glasgow G3 8GS, which is operated by Glasgow City Council. Please note that accessible spaces cannot be booked in advance and are available on a first-come, first-served basis. Standard parking charges apply.

The car park has an accessible walkway providing direct access to the SEC campus. Lifts are available to access each level of the multi-storey car park and the walkway.



VENUE ARRIVAL INFORMATION

Plan your journey and give yourself plenty of time to get to the venue. Please follow the rules and regulations of the event and venue.

Spectators will have access to the venue from 8pm, prior to the commencement of the preshow entertainment at 8.30pm. The live broadcast will start sharp at 9pm.

There will be no exit and re-entry to the venue once the tickets have been validated. If you have any accessibility requirements, there are a wide range of accessible facilities available inside the venue.

The Spectator Entrances for the Hydro are off Exhibition Way. These are the only Spectator Entrances available at the venue and this is the same for all spectators including those using accessible parking.

An accessible queue will be open to people who have specific accessibility requirements or who are unable to stand for long periods of time. However, please note that all spectators may have to queue on arrival to enter the venue, even at our accessible entrances.

VENUE ARRIVAL INFORMATION CONT.

At the entrance, spectators will go through a security check before having their tickets scanned and validated.

Internet and mobile signal can sometimes be variable, so make sure you have added your ticket(s) to your mobile wallet or downloaded them before you arrive. Please note that screenshots of tickets will not be permitted. [More information on Tickets is available here.](#)



PROHIBITED ITEMS



Any item that is illegal to carry or possess under UK Law



Offensive weapons knives, martial arts weapons and batons

Exceptions: Kirpan when present with other Sikh articles of faith.
Sgian-dubh worn as part of traditional Scottish dress.



Flammable substances

Flammable substances, liquids and fuel including items producing naked flames. Doesn't apply to small personal lighters.



Ambush marketing

Clothing, items, leaflets or signage with the likely purpose of engaging in Ambush Marketing.



Drones, radio transmitters, walkie talkies, radio scanners or radio jamming devices



Offensive messaging

Any item carrying wording deemed abusive, discriminatory or which may cause distress to others.



Laser pointers

Strobe lights and similar emitting devices.



Alcoholic beverages

Prohibited, unless purchased or supplied from within the venue.



Balls, rackets and frisbees

Including similar objects or projectiles and inflatables.



Any item deemed a risk to safety

Including to the bearer or other Games attendees.



Noise-making devices

Unless at specified venues communicated in the Spectator Guide.



Protest items and materials

Unless authorised by the Organising Company or Police Scotland.



Bicycles and scooters

Exception: mobility scooters and other wheeled mobility aids.



Firearms

Including hoax or replica items.



Fireworks or flares

Including pyrotechnic devices.



Cans, glass bottles or containers



Incapacitant sprays

e.g., pepper spray



Selfie sticks



Non-prescription drugs



Portable oxygen cylinders

Unless for medical use.

RESTRICTED ITEMS



Beverage containers

One full, sealed, plastic, beverage container, or an empty resealable plastic or metal container not exceeding 750ml in volume.
No alcohol permitted.



Photography

Only mobile phones, single external (mobile phone) power sources, personal use cameras or lenses of no more than 30cm in length will be allowed. No professional and broadcast equipment including tripods and monopods are allowed except for accredited media.



Medicines

Medically prescribed in quantity for individual personal use, commercially packaged, and labelled with contents. All other non-prescribed medication at the discretion of the Security Team Leader.



Food

Limited amount for personal consumption and non-commercially branded. Including reasonable amounts of baby food, milk, formula and food for dietary needs.



Prams/baby carriers

These are not allowed in seating areas, but can be left in buggy storage at venues.



Vapes & E-cigarettes

Or other battery powered devices used to heat a liquid for personal inhalation.



Portable seats

Chairs, folding chairs, stadium seats, allowed when required for a disability or injury. At the discretion of Security Team Leader.



Animals

With the exception of certified assistance dogs.



Suncream

Up to 200ml and other liquids, aerosols, creams and gels up to 100ml in non-glass containers.



Umbrellas

Must be small enough to fit inside a small bag. Not to be opened inside the venue or stands where it would restrict the view of others.
No golf umbrellas.



Flags

National flags of competing nations, Union flag, LGBTQ+ flag (and individual community flags) max size 0.5m x 1m. No flag poles. Small, hand-held flags on plastic sticks allowed. Flags of non-competing nations are restricted and should not be visible in the seating bowl.



Bags

One per person, soft-sided bags, no greater than 48cm in length, 34cm in height and 23cm in depth.

RESTRICTED ITEMS

ADDITIONAL INFORMATION

All Glasgow 2026 venues are smoke-free. Smoking, including the use of electronic cigarettes or vapes, is not permitted within any Games venue or outside in any Spectator Plaza areas across the SEC Campus.

Photography and filming for personal use is permitted. However, tripods, monopods and other photographic equipment are considered restricted items and are not permitted inside the venue.

Please respect other spectators and their right to enjoy this event. This includes refraining from using foul and abusive language and engaging in any other disruptive behaviour.

Stay hydrated and take breaks when needed. Sporting events can be long and tiring, so make sure you take care of yourself. Refillable water bottles up to 750ml are permitted.

VENUE FACILITIES

There is one Information Point located within the Hydro, on the ground floor concourse. There is also an Information Point in the Spectator Plaza of the SEC Campus.

The Information Point is your best place for information on the venue, the available services and the Games.

The services available on venue include:



Toilets



Accessible Toilets



Baby Changing



Family Rest Area



Assistance Dog
Relief Area



Food and Drink



Water Refill
Station



Buggy Storage



Shared Welfare
Spaces



Wheelchair Loan



Lost and Found



Merchandise



Information Point



Hearing Loop
Assistance



Changing Places
Toilet

VENUE FACILITIES CONT.

Buggies, prams, and venue-loaned wheelchairs are not permitted in our general seating areas. They can be stored at the ground floor Information Point within the Hydro or at the Information Point in the Spectator Plaza. Please note, any item is left at your own risk.

Merchandise, food and drink outlets and water refill points are available within the venue.

If you require medical assistance while at the venue, stewards or any member of staff will be able to support you. A Medical and First Aid point is located to the West of the Hydro opposite the entrance to the SEC Centre.

Baby Change facilities are available within the Hydro, which can be accessed using a radar key collected from the Information Point. Please ask a member of staff or volunteer for the nearest one.

ACCESSIBILITY

The Spectator Entrance for the Hydro is off Exhibition Way.

Accessible toilets are located across the venue.

A Changing Places toilet is located on Level 2 of the Hydro, accessible via the concourse lifts. Radar keys are available from stewards or from the Information Point. It will not appear on the Changing Places website as you must be a ticket holder to access this facility.

Live Audio Description and **BSL** will be available for the Closing Ceremony. Please [contact Glasgow 2026](#) if you require these services as soon as possible.

Assistive Listening Devices, including **Hearing Loops** are available at the Information Point in the Hydro. These are available for loan on a first-come, first-served basis from the Information Point in the Hydro. These must be returned to the Information Point before leaving the venue.

A wheelchair loan service, provided by Allied Mobility, is available from the Information Point in the Spectator Plaza. Please note wheelchair loans are to assist in travelling across the venue and will not be available to hire for the full session.

ACCESSIBILITY CONT.

Spectators requiring a wheelchair are encouraged to [pre-register their details online via the SEC Accessibility portal](#) at least 48 hours prior to their event. A walk-up service will also be available at the Information Point subject to availability.

The Family Rest Area in the Spectator Plaza is a shared welfare space for use by any spectator on a first-come, first-served basis.

Sensory Bags containing a fidget toy, sensory distraction, earplugs/ear defenders, and a feelings card will be available for loan on a first-come first-served basis from the Information Points in the Hydro and the Spectator Plaza. These must be returned to the Information Point upon leaving the venue. Spectators requiring a Sensory Bag are encouraged to [pre-register their details online via the SEC Accessibility portal](#) at least 48 hours prior to their event. A walk-up service will also be available at the Information Point subject to availability.

There is an Assistance Dog Relief Area located outside the Hydro.

Lifts are available to the accessible seating in the Hydro.



A GREENER GAMES

We're aiming to deliver a Games that is light on the planet, with low-carbon travel, circular economy thinking and less waste.

Here's how you can help us to deliver a Greener Games:

TRAVEL GREEN

Exchange traffic and congestion for trains, buses, bikes or your own two feet. Low-carbon travel helps to keep Glasgow moving and breathing easier. Plus, you'll discover the Commonwealth Mile and activations happening between venues along the way.

LOVE LOCAL

Fuel your fandom with Scottish produce and delicious plant-based options. Good for you, great for local businesses, even better for the planet.



A GREENER GAMES CONT.

RECYCLE RIGHT

When the cheering stops, make sure your rubbish lands in the right place. A little bin discipline goes a long way.

BRING A REFILLABLE WATER BOTTLE

There are free top-up taps at every venue. Hydrated fans are happy fans.

BE A GREEN SPECTATOR

Cheer loudly, tread lightly. Respect venues, use reusable items where you can and leave every space as you found it.

More information about how we're delivering a Greener Games can be found [here](#).





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As the official charity partner of the Glasgow 2026 Commonwealth Games, the Commonwealth Sport Foundation is working with Scottish Sports Futures, Glasgow Children's Hospital Charity and Team Scotland Youth Trust to make a difference through sport across Glasgow, Scotland and the wider Commonwealth.

[Click here](#) to visit the CSF website, support the Foundation and find out more about its work.



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