| **Text  Description automatically generated**  **Natural Turf Pitch Inspection Form** |
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| **Club**  |   | **League** |   |
| **Match** |   | **Date** |   |
| **Pitch Inspection checklist** | **Wet Pitch** |
|  | Visual inspection - surface water puddles | Walk on -squelchy under foot | Comments  |
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|  | **Dry Pitch** |
|  | Visual inspection - poor grass coverage - greater than 10% bare patches or weeds | Walk on - feels hard with uneven or rutted surface | Comments  |
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|  | **Frozen Pitch** |
|  |  Visual inspection - frost on surface | Walk on -feels hard underfoot | Garden fork test |  Comments   |
|  |[ ] [ ] [ ]   |
|  | **Snow** |
|  |  Visual inspection -more than dusting of snow | Walk on -feels hard underfoot | Garden fork test | Comments  |
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| **Inspected by (Groundsman, Official, Coach)** |  | Signature |  |
| **Agreed by (Official, Coach, Club Secretary)** |  | Signature |  |
| **Game called off due to:** | Wet Pitch[ ]  | Dry Pitch[ ]  | Frozen Pitch[ ]  | Snow[ ]  |
| **Guidance*** **Walk-on and visual inspections should be carried out across all 10 areas as illustrated**
* **The Pitch Inspection should be carried out two hours prior to a match or before the visiting teams departs for the game – whichever is the sooner**
* **Good healthy grass coverage is essential to reduce the cancellation of games in dry weather. There should be no more than 10% bare areas**
* **Soil compaction can contribute significantly to poor drainage problems**
 | **Garden Fork Test**

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| **1** | **3** | **5** | **7** | **9** |
| **2** | **4** | **6** | **8** | **10** |

* **Hold garden fork with outstretched arm at shoulder height and release**
* **If fork penetrates the surface = fit to play**
* **If fork does not penetrate surface = NOT fit to play**
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