



Natural Turf Pitch Inspection Form

Club				League							
Match				Date							
Pitch Inspection checklist	Wet Pitch										
	Is there any standing water?		In your opinion, is there sufficient foot traction?	Is severe damage to the playing surface likely?	Comments						
	<input type="checkbox"/>		<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>							
	Dry Pitch										
	Is the pitch likely to cause physical injury during play? (E.g. cuts, gashes)		Is there sufficient grass cover to assist with foot traction?	Garden fork test (Guidance below)	Comments						
	<input type="checkbox"/>		<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>							
	Frozen Pitch										
	Is there frost visible on the grass leaf?		Is there frost within the soil?	Garden fork test (Guidance below)	Comments						
	<input type="checkbox"/>		<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>							
	Snow										
Is there sufficient foot traction?		Is the level of snow likely to impact normal movement? (E.g. snow being pushed by boots or during tackles)	Garden fork test (Guidance below)	Comments							
<input type="checkbox"/>		<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>								
Inspected by (Groundsman, Official, Coach)				Signature							
Agreed by (Official, Coach, Club Secretary)				Signature							
Game called off due to:	Wet Pitch <input type="checkbox"/>	Dry Pitch <input type="checkbox"/>	Frozen Pitch <input type="checkbox"/>	Snow <input type="checkbox"/>							
Guidance <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Walk-on and visual inspections should be carried out across all 6 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 If the pitch fails the initial inspection, and improvements can be made, a second inspection may take place prior to kick-off If the pitch fails a second inspection, the game should not go ahead We encourage common sense to be applied at all times and reasonable steps taken to get the game played, prioritising player safety If footage can be provided of the Fork Test alongside the Inspection Form that would support the justification for any decision taken If a Fork is not available, a key can be used with moderate force and the same protocol applied 			Garden Fork Test <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Each of the 6 areas should be tested in 4 random locations: <table border="1" style="margin-left: auto; margin-right: auto;"> <tr> <td>1</td> <td>2</td> <td>3</td> </tr> <tr> <td>4</td> <td>5</td> <td>6</td> </tr> </table> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Hold garden fork with outstretched arm at shoulder height and release If fork penetrates the surface = pass. Please note the fork does not need to remain upright but must penetrate to a sufficient level which shows the pitch can take a stud If fork does not penetrate surface = fail Minimum 3 passes out of 4 in an area = Area fit to play Pass in all 6 areas = pitch fit to play 5 areas pass, 1 or more fails = not fit to play All areas must Pass for a pitch to be considered fit to play 			1	2	3	4	5	6
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