

PITCH POWER



WHAT IS PITCH POWER?



PitchPower is a mobile tool that puts the power in your hands, making it easy to sign up and carry out pitch inspections. You'll then get a detailed assessment report from the grounds management experts at the GMA with recommendations on improving the quality of your grass pitches

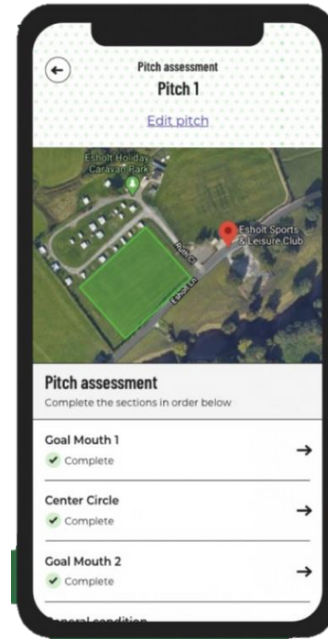
3 SIMPLE STEPS

1



**Set up your
PitchPower account**

2



**Carry out your
pitch inspection**

3



**Submit your info and
receive your report**

CLICK HERE TO SIGN UP

WHAT AN INSPECTION INCLUDES

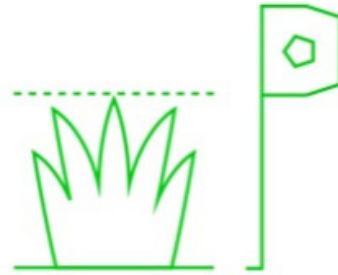
← Pitch 1. Excellence Area
Adult Football
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PITCH LOCATION IDENTIFIED



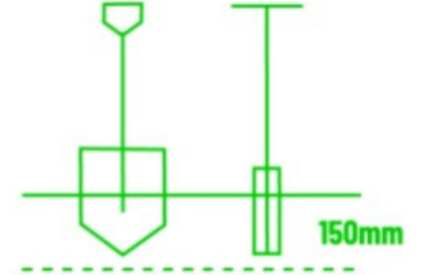
3 AREAS FOR READINGS TO TAKE PLACE



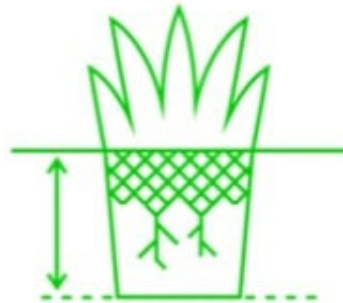
GRASS LENGTH



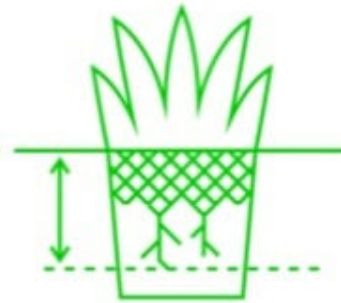
SURFACE PROFILE



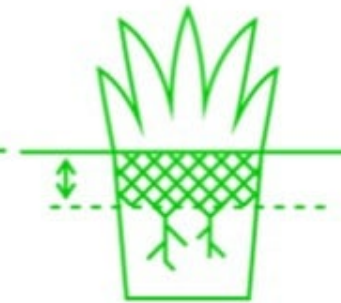
SOIL PROFILE



TOP SOIL DEPTH



ROOT DEPTH



THATCH DEPTH



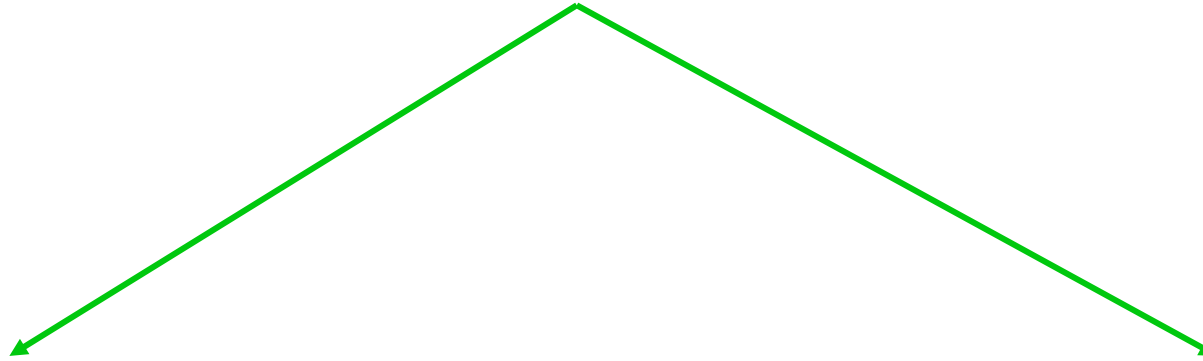
OTHER INFO REQUIRED

- What equipment you have
- Maintenance/renovation budget
- Any training you have received
- Pitch usage information



MARCH 2021
PITCH CARE FIGURE

**PITCHPOWER IS THE
GATEWAY TO...**



GP MF
GRASS PITCH MAINTENANCE FUND

SGS
SMALL GRANTS SCHEME

GRASS PITCH MAINTENANCE FUND

The Grass Pitch Maintenance Fund is a £14m fund that provides eligible clubs and leagues with a tapered six-year grant to help them sustain pitches already at a 'good' level and enhance pitches that are either considered 'poor' or 'basic'.

Who is eligible?

All applicants must have the required security of tenure and have received a PitchPower Pitch Assessment Report

- ✓ Grassroots clubs
- ✓ Leagues
- ✓ Charities (with an annual turnover of less than £500k)
- ✓ National League System Clubs Step 1-6 (only for pitches at the site that are used for community football)*

Who is not eligible?

- ✗ Clubs, leagues or organisations without suitable security of tenure (details below)
- ✗ Clubs, leagues or organisations without a PitchPower Pitch Assessment Report
- ✗ Charities with an annual turnover of £500k or more
- ✗ Local Authorities
- ✗ An individual or sole trader
- ✗ A commercial/for-profit entity

GRASS PITCH MAINTENANCE FUND

CONTINUED



ENHANCE

(For pitches with a Performance Quality Standard (PQS) of 'basic' or below)

PITCH SIZE	GRANT VALUE (PER PITCH)
11 V 11	£2500
9 V 9	£2000
Mini Soccer	£1500

SUSTAIN

(For pitches with a PQS of 'good' or higher)

PITCH SIZE	GRANT VALUE (PER PITCH)
11 V 11	£750
9 V 9	£500
Mini Soccer	£300

The amounts show the grant values for the first year at 100% funding.

GRASS PITCH MAINTENANCE FUND

CONTINUED

Tapered means that we'll pay a reduced percentage of the initial grant value every two years with the club making up the difference. For example, the grant awarded for an 11v11 pitch that needs enhancing would be £2,500 in year 1 and 2, £1,667 in year 3 and 4 and £833 in year 5 and 6. More details can be found in the FAQs.

GRASS PITCH MAINTENANCE FUND

CONTINUED



What can the grant be spent on?

The funding provided must be used to carry out the recommendations from your PitchPower Assessment Report. These can include:

- Contractor works e.g. slitting, scarification or decompaction
- Purchasing materials e.g. seed or fertiliser
- Purchasing equipment e.g. Soil Sampler

SMALL GRANTS SCHEME

UPTO
£25K

FOOTBALL FOUNDATION TO FUND

APRIL 2011
DATE FIGURE

75%

What can the grant be spent on?

- Grass Pitch Machinery & Equipment
- Grass Pitch Drainage
- Changing Pavilion/Clubhouse Refurb
- Fencing
- Goalposts
- Portable Floodlights
- Storage Containers
- 3G Pitch Machinery & Equipment

SMALL GRANTS SCHEME

CONTINUED

Eligible organisations

You don't have to be a football club to apply to the Football Foundation, however grassroots football must be an integral part of your offer.

You **can** apply if you're:

- A not-for-profit football club or voluntary group
- A Local Authority
- A County FA
- A Professional Club Community Organisation
- An educational establishment providing facilities for the community
- A registered charity
- A not-for-profit company
- A community interest company (CIC) or other social enterprise
- A company limited by guarantee

You **can't** apply if you're:

- An individual or sole trader
- A national governing body
- A commercial / for-profit entity
- A club within the Premier League, Football League, National League System (Step 1 to 6), Regional Feeder League (Step 7), Women's Football Pyramid (Tier 1 – 5) or the Welsh Premier League
- Educational establishments providing facilities solely for their students

YOUR GUIDE TO SMALL GRANTS



Football Foundation
guidelines for grants up to
£25,000

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