

FA PITCH IMPROVEMENT PROGRAMME

Hampshire FA are working in partnership with The FA Facilities and Investment Team and Institute of Groundsmanship to develop a grass pitch maintenance service which can be utilised by grassroots football clubs, with the simple aim of improving the quality of grass pitches.

The need for this service is more relevant now than ever, given the current economic times and the pressures facing grass roots football. The key principles behind the service are to provide football clubs with advice and practical solutions on a number of areas.

In Hampshire we will be working with the IOG South East Regional Pitch Advisor, Darren Symonds to provide visits to local clubs in the county. To qualify for a visit a club will need to own their own site OR be responsible for maintenance of the grass pitches.

Programme Benefits

- Access to expert advice at a substantial cost saving compared to an independent agronomist report
- Pitch maintenance advice and support tailored to the needs, budget, expertise and equipment available
- Potential to access external funding for pitch development and or maintenance equipment.

Programme Process

1. Clubs complete and submit an Expression of Interest Form if they wish to join and commit to the 12 month programme. Hampshire FA and the Regional Pitch Advisor may select/target a number of clubs depending on the availability of the Pitch Advisors.
2. Hampshire FA will coordinate the time and date of the first visit in conjunction with the selected club.
3. Hampshire FA will notify the Pitch Advisor of visits and all relevant details.
4. The Regional Pitch Advisor completes the first site visit.
5. A report is produced by the Pitch Advisor with a copy for the club and Hampshire FA.
6. Club follows recommendations and actions.
7. Feedback sought from club following agreed milestones and timescales, based on the recommendations provided by the Pitch Advisor.
8. Should the maintenance recommendations not result in an improved pitch or surface, there may be some further improvement work required on site and the club can discuss funding options with the Hampshire FA, Facilities and Investments Manager.
9. Hampshire FA will contact the club to organise a follow-up visit for 12 months after the original assessment date to gauge whether interventions have been successful, the standard of the playing surfaces have improved and offer further advice on next steps.

Costs & Payment

The cost for the programme is £100 per facility which includes two visits and a report. Clubs will be required to pay Hampshire FA, 14 days in advance of the visit following receipt of an invoice.

For more information or further support surrounding the Pitch Improvement Programme, please contact:

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PITCH ASSESSMENT REQUEST FORM



Main Details

Contact Name

Contact Role

Organisation/Club

Contact Number

Contact Email

Site Address

Site Postcode

Site Owner

Football Club Site Users

Is site shared with other sports?

No. Of Pitches 7v7 9v9 11v11

Approx No. Of Games Per Season 7v7 9v9 11v11

Approx No. Of Games Lost To Weather Each Season 7v7 9v9 11v11

Season Length months

Please List Any Other Sites For Matches

Groundsman Details

Contact Name

Contact Email

Volunteer Or Paid?

Current Experience



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Site Information

Please provide an overview of the current issues with the pitch/es you are requesting a visit for:

Please provide a summary of grounds maintenance works that have been carried out over the past 3 years:

Please indicate your current pitch maintenance budget and list any available equipment you have:

Please provide any further information you feel will be relevant:

Please return this form with any photos you have of the current site to:
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