



Emergency Pitch

Hire Fund

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What is the “Emergency Pitch Hire Fund”

IMPORTANT

AN AFFILIATE ADULT OPEN AGE MATCH CAN ONLY BE PLAYED ON AN ARTIFICIAL PITCH THAT IS REGISTERED ON THE FA PITCH REGISTER.

CLUBS WILL NOT BE GRANTED FUNDING IF THE FACILITY BOOKED IS NOT ON THE FA PITCH REGISTER.

ALL FACILITIES IN THIS DOCUMENT WERE ON THE FA PITCH REGISTER AT THE TIME OF PUBLISHING; HOWEVER THIS IS SUBJECT TO CHANGE AT ANY POINT DURING THE SEASON. IT IS THEREFORE THE CLUBS RESPONSIBILITY TO CHECK THIS BEFORE CONFIRMING ANY BOOKING.

THE FA PITCH REGISTER IS UPDATED FREQUENTLY AND CAN BE FOUND BY CLICKING [HERE](#).

Description

Should any Adult Open Age match that is affiliated to the Leicestershire & Rutland County FA be postponed due to a pitch being unplayable or unavailable, we want to encourage clubs to hire out an artificial or an alternative grass pitch. Clubs will incur a cost in making this booking, and therefore the “**Emergency Pitch Hire Fund**” will meet any additional costs club incur in doing so.

Please note - there is a restricted amount of funding available. We will therefore monitor the fund and notify clubs once all monies in this scheme have been spent. Clubs will also need to meet criteria set out in this document before funding will be granted.

Why has this fund been introduced?

We know unexpected postponements can lead to an inconsistent fixture programme for clubs, which causes frustrations and challenges for all involved in the game. We hope this fund supports clubs to get games played, help prevent the back log of fixtures and therefore improves the experience for all involved in the game

Criteria and Other Key Considerations for Clubs

- The maximum the scheme will fund is **£100** per booking.
- A club can request funding under this scheme **2 times per season**, after which additional funding will be at the County FA's discretion.
 1. Note: should a club request funding more than twice, the County FA may contact the club to offer Pitch Improvement advice.
- This scheme will only fund the shortfall that clubs incur – clubs must provide evidence of this shortfall before funding will be distributed.
 1. *(e.g. The grass pitch cost £50, 3G pitch cost £100. Due to the postponement the club no longer have to pay for the grass pitch, therefore actual additional cost to the club was £50. This fund would therefore fund £50, i.e. the shortfall)*
- This scheme will only fund artificial and/or alternative grass pitch hire where the booking was made after the original pitch has been declared unplayable or unavailable.
- This scheme will only fund an artificial pitch hire booking that is on The FA Pitch Register – for information, please [click here](#).
- Making an alternative booking through this scheme may require a change in kick off time. We advise clubs check the competition rules in terms of changing kick off times before making or paying for a booking.

Process to receive funding

Step 1

- Home Club receives confirmation their pitch is unplayable or unavailable.

Step 2

- Home Club communicate with the opposition and referee, and book an alternative pitch (artificial or alternative grass pitch).

Step 3

- The club pay for the hire of the artificial or alternative grass pitch upfront, and receive proof of the booking.

Step 4

- Club **retrospectively** contact County FA after the match has been played, requesting funds to meet the cost incurred.
- Please contact - Shaun Waite, Football Development Officer, on Shaun.Waite@LeicestershireFA.com or call 0116 284 4951
- *At this stage, the club must provide the following;*
 - *Written evience of when the original pitch was delcared unplayable (eg. email/ text from lcoal authority, club groundsman etc)*
 - *Evidence of costs incurred (eg. oringinal pitch cost and receipt of 3g pitch booking)*

Step 5

- County FA wil distirbute the funds via Cheque to the Club

Facilities – contact details, availability and other key information

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The following pages detail information on artificial and grass pitches in Leicestershire and Rutland, including; Contact Name, Contact Number, Emails Address, Pitch Availability, Match Hire Costs and Footwear Policy

This document is just a guide, and clubs are free to make bookings with alternative grass pitches that are available, but they must still meet the criteria set out in this document to receive finding support.

Venue	<u>Aylestone Park Football Club</u>
Contact Name	Bob Stretton
Contact Number	07847 314660
Email Address	n/a
3G Pitch Availability	Some Availability on Saturdays and Sundays. Changes week to week.
Match Hire Costs	£90
Footwear Policy	Moulded Footwear Preferable
Other Information	None

Venue	<u>Brockington College</u>
Contact Name	Steve Buck or Lucy Bodycote
Contact Number	0116 2863722 ext 114
Email Address	<u>stb@brockington.leics.sch.uk</u>
3G Pitch Availability	Availability is limited and mixed from week to week. More availability after 1pm on a Sunday.
Match Hire Costs	£55
Footwear Policy	No metal or metal tipped studs or blades, shin pads must be worn.
Other Information	No Dogs allowed on site, No smoking allowed on site, No alcohol to be consumed on site. Changing rooms are available.

Venue	<u>Charnwood College</u>
Contact Name	Premises Officers
Contact Number	07814 436002
Email Address	TJohnson@CharnwoodCollege.org
3G Pitch Availability	Sunday, 12pm – 5pm
Match Hire Costs	£73.50 Per Match
Footwear Policy	No Metal Studs Allowed
Other Information	Changing Rooms are available at Sports Hall or Sports Centre No Bar Keys for 3G will be with Premises Officer on duty.

Venue	<u>Harborough Town FC</u>
Contact Name	Marion Hayton
Contact Number	07785 614414
Email Address	htfc.marionhayton@gmail.com or secretary.htfc@gmail.com
3G Pitch Availability	Wednesday, 8pm – 10pm (when seniors, reserves and u18s not training) Fridays, 8pm – 10pm Saturdays, 4:30pm onwards (sometimes can accommodate 2pm onwards) Sundays, 4:30pm onwards (sometimes accommodate 10am onwards)
Match Hire Costs	£90 without Floodlights £110 with Floodlights Plus £10 per Changing Room
Footwear Policy	Rubber moulded football boots and astro turf football boots only. No metal studs or blades footwear.
Other Information	No Smoking on or around 3G pitch All empty bottles and other litter to be removed prior to leaving the 3G pitch Food / Café will be open from 9:30am and bar from 11:30am onwards.

Venue	<u>Newbridge High School</u>
Contact Name	Julie Murray
Contact Number	01530 276445 or 07816 518935
Email Address	jmurray@newbridgesch.uk
3G Pitch Availability	Every Sunday from 10am (first come, first serve)
Match Hire Hire Costs	£48
Footwear Policy	No metal studs, no blades, no flat soled trainers. A moulded plastic studs is preferred
Other Information	Diner which can on request be opened

Venue	<u>New Parks</u>
Contact Name	Michelle Griffiths (or Duty Officer at New Parks Leisure Centre)
Contact Number	0116 2333092 / 0116 2333080
Email Address	michelle.griffiths@leicester.gov.uk or harnek.kandola@leicester.gov.uk
3G Pitch Availability	Limited availability at weekends. Call as availability on ad hoc basis
Match Hire Costs	£79.50
Footwear Policy	No screw in studs on the ATP, short studded or Astra Turf trainers permitted.
Other Information	Changing rooms available for home and away teams as well as officials Limited access to bar area (pending on partner club volunteers) – no alcohol served or to be consumed on-site Off road car parking available outside pavilion area, entrance is via Glenfield Road, next to New College

Venue	<u>Thurlaston Football Club</u>
Contact Name	Andrew Cumiskay
Emergency Contact Number	07712186091
Email Address	Andrewaac69@gmail.com
Pitch Availability	Saturday's , midweek flood lit and Sunday afternoons
Match Hire Costs	£50 for daylight matches and £70 for floodlit matches
Footwear Policy	Football boots
Other Information	Includes changing rooms and showers we have 2 pitches for daylight hours and 1 pitch for flood lit

Venue	<u>Wreake Valley Academy</u>
Contact Name	Ian Harrison
Contact Number	0116 2641080 (ext252) or 07752 898577
Email Address	ian.harrison@wvacademy.org
3G Pitch Availability	Vary from week to week. Could be available on at the following times on a Saturday and Sunday, 10am, 12pm, 2pm, 4pm
Match Hire Costs	£50 plus VAT
Footwear Policy	No Trainers or blades – moulded or stud football boots to be worn
Other Information	Changing Room comes with the booking Snack bar available but dependent on other bookings.