



## Grass Pitches and Changing Rooms Terms and Conditions

Any club / business / individual hiring facilities shall be bound to the following conditions, rules and regulations.

### Bookings

1. A Booking JotForm must be submitted to Fermanagh and Omagh District Council (Council) for all matches, practice matches (friendlies) and training sessions.
2. At least 72 hours' notice is required for match bookings to prepare the pitch accordingly.
3. A booking shall not be confirmed until the official Booking JotForm has been completed including verification of all relevant club information and documentation
4. The hire of playing fields and changing rooms (if applicable) are for use during the allocated booking time only.
5. Hire includes allocated pitch and goal posts only; no nets or corner / gaelic flags are supplied.
6. The Council reserves the right to determine which pitch will be allocated to the hirer.
7. The Council reserves the right to withdraw the facility / facilities booked by the hirer should the Council deem it necessary to do so. The Council will not be responsible for any loss to the hirer arising from such withdrawal.
8. Where appropriate, Council staff at the facility are in full control of the facilities on match days; all clubs are asked to co-operate with staff fully.
9. Football boots should not be worn or washed in the facility or shower area.
10. Morning bookings for youth teams prior to afternoon block booked games shall be permitted subject to prevailing ground and weather conditions.
11. Hirers must ensure respect, tolerance, encouragement and good behaviour towards, and by, players, coaches, spectators and parents, and match officials using Council facilities.

### Charges

12. Charges for use of the facilities shall be those set by the Council. The Council reserving the right to vary them without notice.

## **Payment**

13. Payment for bookings must be made on demand. The Council reserves the right to demand payment when the booking is confirmed.

## **Credit**

14. Requests for credit may be accepted on the understanding that a monthly VAT Invoice will be prepared on the basis of the original booking.

15. Credit Terms are strictly 30 days – if payment in full is not received within 30 days, all credit facilities will cease immediately.

## **Block Bookings**

16. Block Booking Period applies from August 2025 – May 2026

17. Due to demand for block bookings, it is unfortunate that we cannot guarantee that all requests will be accommodated. Every effort will be made to allocate bookings fairly and amicably.

18. All league affiliated teams with a block booking will be responsible for the safe storage and upkeep of nets and flags. Loss or damage of nets and flags will be the responsibility of the team.

19. Cancellation of a block booking session requires notification in writing. Council will require 24 hours written notice. Full payment will be required if the appropriate notice is not given.

20. Clubs who have signed up to a Service Level Agreement must adhere and carry out responsibilities set out with the agreement in conjunction with the Terms and Conditions.

## **Insurance**

21. Council requires £5 million public liability cover from all club bookings / block bookings. Public liability Insurance is compulsory for all constituted clubs affiliated to a National Governing Body and play in a recognised league. The insurance must cover clubs for public liability claims arising from the use of the facilities and SLA (if applicable), which are the subject of a hiring agreement.

22. The club making the booking will be liable for any damages caused to any of the facilities, and persistent abuse of the facilities will result in the offenders being banned from using the facilities.

23. Injuries to players etc., are not included in the insurance and those persons are recommended to arrange their own "Personal Accident Insurance" through their own insurers.
24. If your club is responsible for the employment of staff, you are required to have £10 million Employer Liability Insurance cover.
25. In the event of an accident, the matter should be referred immediately to a Council staff member. All accident details should be recorded and reported to the Council on an Accident Report Form (copies available on site).
26. The pitches will be inspected by Council staff and will determine if the pitch is suitable for play in case of damage to pitch surface or adverse weather conditions. The Council and / or official referees have the authority to call off a match at any time.
27. The Council accepts no responsibility for accidents or injuries resulting from unauthorised use of facilities.

### **Pitch Closure**

28. In the event of a pitch closure by Council, the club / organisation will receive credit in respect of any payment made in advance.
29. The Council reserve the right to close a pitch at any time due to unplayable conditions, damage to playing surface or posts, grounds maintenance procedures, dangerous conditions etc.
30. League, club officials or referees have no authority to overturn Council decisions on the closure of Council owned and managed grass pitches.
31. The referee (as match official) will have the capacity to cancel / postpone a match at any time. The referee will determine all health & safety aspects to players, officials, spectators and playing conditions in their decision. The Council will accept no responsibility for loss or injury from the referee's decision.

### **Child And Adult Safeguarding Policy**

32. Club agree to abide by Fermanagh & Omagh District Council's Child and Adult Safeguarding Policies and Codes of Practice, which can be downloaded from the Council website [HERE](#).
33. Clubs must comply with their own organisation's Child Safeguarding Policy.
34. All clubs who coach/instruct/manage U18s must provide evidence of coach qualifications / certification.

**Decorations And Advertisements**

35. No decorations, flags or emblems may be erected or posted either inside or outside the facility unless authorised by the Council. The Council reserves the right to reject any specific decoration, flag or emblem.

36. Advertising is not permitted on site.

**Broadcasting, Film Facilities and Photographs**

37. The use of photographic, recording, broadcasting / filming equipment of any kind is strictly prohibited, without prior authorisation from Council.

**Smoking / Alcohol**

38. Smoking, vaping and/or the use of alcohol is not permitted at grass pitches, changing rooms and surrounding areas.

**Variation of Conditions**

39. The Council reserves the right to vary or add to any of these conditions at any time.