



To help new managers, Donna our pitch co-ordinator, has drawn up a frequently asked questions list. Hopefully this will help with any questions you may have.

Q. Can I turn up any time and play a match?

A. No. The pitch coordinator will allocate a pitch and kick off time for each match.

Q. My fixtures state a certain kick off time so why have I been given a different kick off time?

A. The times given on fixture lists are a guide. Pitches are often used by more than one team and kick off times are allocated by the pitch coordinator to ensure matches don't clash.

Q. I prefer a lie in on Sunday's so can I kick off in the afternoon?

A. The league only allows afternoon kick off's when the opposition has special dispensation. A time of 2pm is usually given in these circumstances.

Q. Why can't we always kick off in the afternoon?

A. Because we only have access to pitches until midday (unless for the reason given above) as we are not the only club to use the pitches.

Q. My age group train on a Saturday can I use the Astro?

A. Training on the Astro is only for those who train in the evenings ie U12's upwards. Saturday morning training for U6-U11's is on the grass.

Q. Is training ever cancelled?

A. Training is usually only ever cancelled due to bad weather. This is the groundsmans decision and is only ever done in order to prevent damage to pitches which could result in a pitch becoming unusable for some time.

Q. Where do we train if training is called off by the groundsmen?

A. There are occasions when training on pitches is cancelled but we can train off pitches (training will not be permitted on rugby pitches and any athletic/cricket areas). However there may be times when training is called off totally and on these rare occasions training will not be permitted. Don't forget to inform the parents if necessary.

Q. What do I do if the pitches at home are unplayable and home matches are cancelled?

A. You will need to notify your opposition and try to reverse the fixture to your oppositions venue. Don't forget to let the referee and parents know.

Q. Do I always play on the same pitch?

A. Most of the time you will use the same pitch but there may be occasions where you will be allocated a different pitch. The pitches allocated will be suitable for your age group.

Q. When do I need to let you know if I need a pitch?

A. The pitch coordinator sends out a pitch list to managers the one week before match day. Any queries should be brought to the pitch coordinators attention BEFORE Tuesday as they are forwarded to Parmiters for their attention. Any requests for pitches after this time may not be met.

Q. What if my team is due to play away and the opposition tell me their pitches are unusable?

A. In these cases you will need to contact the pitch coordinator as soon as possible who will then try and get a pitch at home. This will depend on pitch availability.

Q. Can I decide on the day to kick off a bit later/earlier than the time given by the pitch coordinator ?

A. No. Changing kick off times can result in another teams match being delayed or matches clashing.

Q. It says on the list sent out that only one team is playing a match on my pitch so can I kick off later/earlier?

A. No. The pitch coordinator sends a list to all managers but often a changes are made and an amended list is sent out only to the managers concerned. Don't assume that just because you are the only team noted as playing on your pitch that this won't have changed come match day.

Q. Could I let the pitch coordinator know a preference for kick off times?

A. Absolutely. If you have a preferred kick off time it will be noted and given where ever possible.

Q. Can I play my matches on a Saturday instead of a Sunday?

A. Saturday mornings are for training only. Inter age group training matches between Cassiobury teams as part of training are fine. All other matches including friendlies are to be played on Sunday's.

Q. How will I hear from the pitch coordinator.

A. The pitch coordinator will send out emails for pitch allocations. For cancellation of training/matches emails will be sent and a group whatsapp message will also be sent to those who have given their mobile numbers.

Q. Can I train over summer?

A. You can, although the most teams choose to have a good break over the summer to fire up player enthusiasm come the new season. If you do train then this will need to be done off any pitches or cricket/athletic areas to allow time for pitches to recover for the start of the new season.

Have a good season.

Pitch Coordinator