



## **CONDITIONS OF HIRE CRICKET, FOOTBALL AND HOCKEY PITCHES**

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### **1. ALLOCATIONS**

An allocation of pitches to any club, organisation or individual is not transferable (in whole or part) by anybody other than by Worthing Borough Council.

Worthing Borough Council reserves the right to vary (by cancellation or otherwise) any allocation of pitches, should circumstances make this necessary.

### **2. APPLICATIONS**

The applicant must complete, sign and return the acceptance part of the allocation form to Worthing Borough Council within seven days. Delay or failure to do so may result in the allocation being cancelled.

### **3. HOURS OF PLAY**

Play on Worthing Borough Council pitches may take place at any reasonable time during daylight hours, but on Sundays, football and hockey shall not normally commence before 10.30 am.

### **4. CHARGES**

Charges for the hire of pitches shall be as laid down by the Council from time to time and as notified.

Accounts for pitch fees will normally be rendered (to the person to whom the allocation was sent or the club treasurer) at the end of season or after the match for one-off fixtures.

A deposit of £30.00 will be payable for the issue of each key giving access to the Sports Pavilion, which is fully refundable upon return of the key. If the key is lost the full deposit will be forfeited. The key can be obtained by calling at the offices at 9 Commerce Way, Lancing, during normal office hours.

### **5. CANCELLATIONS**

All pitch cancellations **Will Have** to be made in writing or by e-mail only.

A Club may cancel a pitch and qualify for a full refund of the pitch fee, provided that for a weekend fixture this office is notified by 1200 hours on the Wednesday before and for a midweek fixture a minimum notice of 72 hours is given.

A full refund will also be given if a match is cancelled on the day due to bad weather and no play whatsoever has taken place, provided that notification is received in writing from a bona fide official of the club/league to arrive at this office no later than 5 days after the date of the fixture.

## **6. VALUE ADDED TAX (VAT)**

VAT exemptions are no longer applicable under Worthing Borough Council. All charges will be charged inclusive of VAT.

## **7. DAMAGE, LOSS ETC.**

The hirer shall indemnify the Worthing Borough Council against all actions, claims, demands and costs in respect of injury to any person or property caused by or arising out of or incidental to the hire and use of the pitches and dressing accommodation (fair wear and tear excepted).

The Council will not, under any circumstances, accept responsibility or liability for:-

- Any damage to or loss of any property or articles or things whatsoever placed or left on Council property as a result of the hiring.
- Any accident or injury suffered by any participant or bystander using facilities in the course of or arising from the hiring.
- Any matches played on pitches, which have not been booked, this may also render the Clubs Insurance invalid.
- Note: The hirer is advised to obtain suitable insurance cover against the risks stated in paragraph 8 below.

## **8. LITTER**

All hirings are on condition that no litter, including orange peel will be left on fields after matches. Any teams not complying with this condition will be, as per Clause 9, charged for the cost of its removal and may if repeated be refused future bookings.

## **9. CHANGING ROOMS**

Cricket and Football teams will be responsible for the unlocking of changing rooms, locking for security during play, unlocking for changing and locking up afterwards. Team Officials will be responsible for the safe keeping of the key. Any abuse of this arrangement could result in the Club being refused bookings. Where applicable the Clubs will be responsible on the match day for turning on/off lighting, heating, water heating and showers.

Any abuse of the use of the changing rooms which results in the cost of cleaning over and above the usual requirement, repair of the changing rooms, or replenishment of the contents of the fire extinguishers will be passed on in full to the Club or Organisation hiring the pitch. At multi-use sites, if a Club or Organisation does not admit responsibility for such acts the cost of repair, replenishment etc. will be split between the Clubs or Organisations using the facility on that occasion.

A fixed fee of £15.00 will be charged to each Club or Hiring Organisations at a site where the lights are left on, showers left on, changing room doors are not locked at the end of a match or orange peel left on the pitches.

## 10. PITCHES

Football teams are to be responsible for the safe keeping of the corner flags and staff for their pitch and are to position them prior to the match and return them safely afterwards. The full cost of replacement will be levied against any team, which is found not to have fulfilled this condition.

Weekend and day time cricket teams will be responsible for the neat removal prior to and the careful re-erection after play of the post and rope square protection.

No League, Club or Organisation hiring a pitch from Worthing Borough Council, through their contractor, shall trespass on adjoining property for the purpose of retrieving balls or for any other reason. Should balls go onto adjoining private property appropriate courteous contact will be made with the owner/occupier on completion of the game by approaching the owner/occupier by the front entrance to their property and requesting return of such ball(s).

At none of the cricket grounds should participants or spectators vehicles be found on the recreation ground. Any abuse of this will jeopardise the chances of future use of the cricket pitches and any cost of reinstatement to the ground will be passed onto the Clubs concerned.

## 11. GOAL NETS

As discussed and agreed, all teams will be, until further notice, responsible for and required to erect football nets prior to the match; and to replace them after use, in the changing room they were found in. The nets should be folded neatly and carefully put back into the box they came from. Any defects, rips or other damage should be reported as soon after the match as possible. The full cost of replacement will be levied against any team that is found not to have fulfilled this condition

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## **DECLARATION**

I hereby apply for the use of pitches on the Worthing Borough Council's playing fields on bookings made in this application and if my application is successful, I agree to comply with the Council's football Rules, Regulations and Conditions of Hire as detailed above.

Signed \_\_\_\_\_

Position with the Club \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_

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