



TERMS & CONIDITIONS

1. Pitches will be let only to those clubs/schools that have submitted an official application form, together with the appropriate letting fee, evidence of public liability insurance, and certification from the appropriate League, Board or Association for all teams for whom accommodation is sought. The fees in respect of any letting shall be as is determined by Fingal County Council from time to time.
1. Clubs must ONLY use Council pitches that have been allocated to them.
2. Clubs are NOT authorised to reallocate their pitch to another Club. If other groups approach the Club for permission to use their allocated pitch, the applicant should be referred to the Council.
3. Inspections will be carried out by the Council. If the Council have evidence that an allocated pitch is not in regular use, it will be removed from the Club/School pitch approved allocation.
4. Clubs must ensure that their members and visiting teams avail of the car park facilities provided.
5. Where no car park is provided, the Club must ensure that all cars, including away teams, are parked so as to not cause an obstruction or inconvenience to adjoining residents.
6. Entry and exit from parks is through the authorised entrances and exits only.
7. Clubs are responsible for the behaviour of their visiting teams.
8. All pitches will be out of play from the second week in December to the first week in February every year.
9. Fingal County Council may close pitches at any time during the year, if in its opinion, the pitch is unplayable, and the Council's decision in the matter will be final. Pitch Playability information is available each Friday at lunchtime at <https://www.fingal.ie/playability-pitches>

The Council will not provide alternative pitch allocation or refund any costs incurred by the Club arising from pitch unplayability or closure.

No Club or Referee has the right to decide that any pitch is playable where the Council has declared the pitch unplayable.



10. Park Rangers in the larger regional parks have the authority to declare pitches unplayable on Saturday/Sunday if weather conditions deteriorate since the Friday declaration of playability.
11. All morning match fixtures must terminate not later than 12.45pm and pitches/pavilions must be vacated by 1pm.
12. Afternoon match fixtures between November and January must finish at least 1 hour before park closing time.
13. Mid-week matches are allowed during the period April/May/June only on the pitches allocated to the club for weekend fixtures. Where clubs share a pitch, they must ascertain with the other club that there is no clash of fixtures.
14. The Council carry out the summer sports pitch maintenance programme between June-August each year, weather permitting. Clubs should notify the Council of their Season dates in advance and of any non-playing periods which can be used by the Council to plan and carry out pitch maintenance works.
15. The Council reserves the right to alter pitch allocations within the season, if necessary.
16. Pitches may only be used for the allocated days/time. No Club/School may use a pitch outside their allocation.

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17. Before use, Clubs must ensure that the pitch is free from all hazards (including steel pins/ground anchors for securing nets etc.) and that each game can proceed without danger to players, officials or other persons using the park. The Club shall implement all measures necessary to ensure the safety of such persons.
18. Clubs must remove all litter, including tape, sweet wrappers, plastic bottles and medical waste from pitches and both side-lines/end lines after each game.
19. Costs incurred by the Council as a result of damage caused to Council machinery by items left on the pitch will be fully recouped from the Club.
20. Any unpaid costs at the end of the season must be paid by the Club/School prior to their application being approved for a further pitch allocation.
21. Pitches are to be marked with proprietary pitch marking products only. Materials such as Creosote, diesel oil, or herbicide/weed killer etc. are **not** permitted.



22. Clubs are not permitted to cut grass pitches in the ownership of Fingal County Council.
23. Nets are to be secured to posts only by using the “Netfix” system or plastic ‘S’ net ties only. Clubs will be responsible for providing toggles to attach the nets to the “Netfix” slots provided on goalposts. The use of twine, tape, nails, hooks etc. is strictly prohibited.
24. All portable and demountable goalposts must be secured with a system that meets the requirements of **IS EN 748: 1996**, including manufacture standards. Clubs must maintain a written record of portable/demountable goalpost inspections and annual tests and such record must be available for inspection by the Council at any time. Applications for pitch allocations for small-sided games should include evidence of compliance with **IS EN 748: 1996** standard.
25. Rugby clubs must provide padding for goalpost uprights as recommended by the relevant national governing bodies and remove on completion of games.

Any Club or member of any Club who disregards, disobeys, or breaks any Condition of Letting may be suspended by Fingal County Council from using the pitch allocated to the Club.



CONDITIONS OF DRESSING ROOM USE

ONLY APPLICABLE TO CLUBS WHO HAVE BEEN ALLOCATED DRESSING ROOMS

- A. Clubs must provide enough stewards to keep order in the dressing rooms and on pitches and must prevent unauthorised entry to the pavilion.
 - B. No responsibility or liability is accepted by Fingal County Council for loss or damage to any property left in pavilions.
 - C. Clubs must accept responsibility for the conduct of all persons admitted to dressing rooms; for keeping them clean and tidy and for repair of any damage caused to them.
 - D. It will be the duty of the club to provide all sundries such as toilet paper, cleaning equipment, cleaning materials etc. required to maintain the dressing rooms.
 - E. The Council reserves the right to inspect the changing rooms at any time and to inform the club that it will, at a cost to be taken from the bond, clean or repair the facilities.
 - F. Dressing Room Fees and Bonds are to be determined by Fingal County Council each year. Refer to the Schedule of Fees at www.fingal.ie/Pitches for further information.
 - G. Where dressing rooms have been provided, the keys **must** be returned to the Council if the current allocated team do not get the same allocation the following season.
 - H. Bonds will only be repaid when a club relinquishes changing rooms in a satisfactory condition.
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