



ORRFC Minis, Juniors & Girls Pitch Policy

Use of Pitches for Match Play

- The oldest age group with a cup match gets use of the 1st team pitch on the day of the game
- If there are no cup matches then the oldest age group with a friendly game will be allocated the 1st team pitch
- All other matches are allocated according to pitch requirements for the team
- If, after the application of the Cup/Friendlies criteria, there are two same-named age-bands at home (U18 Girls / Colts or U15 Girls / U15 Boys) then priority goes against the team that last had the 1st XV pitch during the season in question
- The 1st XV pitch should generally only be used for 15-a-side games, although there will be exceptions (e.g. when U13 girls or U12 boys are hosting a finals day or special match)

Allocation of Pitches for Training

- The only age group that has a set training area is the U6s
- Training space is allocated based on numbers and needs of teams (e.g. posts etc) and allocation will rotate throughout the season
- When in use Wallfield can be used by any age group up to and including U15s
- The areas between and around the pitches may also be allocated for training if needed
- The 1st team pitch is not to be used for training
- “Special requests” have to be made at least **2 weeks in advance** to the Pitch Manager who will discuss with the three Chairs

Changing Room Allocation

- If the girls have matches then they will get the two female changing rooms. How they are used can be decided by the girls team. (ie if only one age group then one away and one home, if two age groups then one for one age and one for the other)
- On days when girls have matches the 4 remaining changing rooms are given out to the two oldest boys age groups playing
- If no girls matches the 6 changing rooms will be given to the three older boys age groups playing
- If all six rooms are not needed then they will be open for toilet use

The weekly pitch plan is drafted by the Pitch Manager and Groundsman (having considered the Pitch Usage Policy) and is signed off by the three Chairs on the **Tuesday** before the Sunday in question.

It is released to team managers on **Wednesday/Thursday**.

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Head Coaches / Team Managers need to go through their Chair to request amendments.

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Late Changes to allocations

If there are late changes to the Pitch Allocations, for example following a pitch inspection or the withdrawal of Wallfield by the Reigate College Groundsman, then matches and training will be reallocated by the Pitch Manager in consultation with the Three Chairs. They will take into consideration all relevant facts such as who the opposition are / where they are coming from, which age-groups have been cancelled previously, numbers at training etc

Pitch Usage (as per club policy)



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1st Pitch

- The Priority is to be ready and in the best condition for all 1st team home games.
- To also be available for 2nd team home games, subject to confirmation from Director of Rugby and Groundsman
- To be available for one MJ&G game on a Sunday, subject to conditions. Groundsman to confirm.
- To be available for the occasional tournament final, subject to conditions. Groundsman to confirm.
- All warm-ups to be held off the pitch.

A Pitch/2nd team Pitch

Priority to be ready for all 2nd team home games and floodlit games.

To be available for 1st team training on Thursday evenings. (All other training during season time to held on the training pitch).

To be available for M,J&G games on Sundays.

Mole Hill Pitch.

To be available for all general use. This includes senior games in bad conditions (better to reduce one pitch to mud and keep the 1st and 2nd pitches in top condition), MJ&G training and games, and School use.

Training Pitch - Anything goes.

12 acres.

Priority is for all three pitches to be available for Dunottar requirements. This includes lacrosse up until Christmas, then football until Easter. Rugby pitches will be over marked in blue to accommodate other sports.

To be available for all M,J&G games and training needs. Where possible training and squad drills be conducted in outfield areas, preserving the pitches for games.

12 West to act as reserve 1st pitch in the unfortunate event of a player injury. Also, as 3rd team home games. Therefore training/squad drills to be avoided on this pitch.

Small football pitch to be available for Priory FC junior games. Also available for M,J&G use.

General

Standing in one place with a tackle bag, and then having numerous players run at you, leaves a muddy trail which scars the pitch for the entire season. Coaches need to be aware of how their squad drills effect a pitch and move/tailor their drills accordingly. Ideally these drills to be held off all pitches and conducted on some of the vacant areas in 12 acres.

Extreme Weather conditions.

Taking into account the best interest of the club and rugby in mind; if the three chairs and the groundsman reaches a decision to cancel, then the club is closed on a Sunday. Whether this decision is made Friday evening, Saturday afternoon or Sunday morning, the decision stands and applies to all. Any questions on pitch condition should be raised with the chair of the respective section i.e. M,J or G.

The same policy to apply to senior rugby home games. The decision to be agreed between Groundsman and Director of Rugby.