



BISHOP STOPFORD SCHOOL

Artificial Sports Pitch Facility Risk Assessment

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Date of Original Assessment: Sept 2017

Target Review Date:

Sept 2017

Sept 2018

Task title:

Use of Artificial Sports Pitch

Persons affected:

Whole school use plus external customers who hire facility

Approx. No. affected:

Maximum number of users any one time 80 (approx. 40 per half).

Possible Hazards:

- Condition of surface causing injuries
- Incorrect footwear worn causing damage to the pitch and potential injury to user.
- Goals being moved by untrained staff or users
- Goals not in good state of repair
- Pitch & lighting not in good state of repair
- Unauthorised usage of the facility
- Adverse weather conditions affecting the playing surface.

Possible Injuries:

- Slips, trips and falls
- Impact sporting injuries (from ball)
- Player collisions
- Lifting injuries (unauthorised moving of equipment)

Frequency:

Ongoing. Pitch will be used by students and staff during core school hours (8am – 5.30pm) and external users (5.30pm – 9.00pm weekdays and 9.00 am – 9pm Saturday and 5pm Sunday).

Surface:

Flat surface, sand filled artificial turf.

Steps:

None

Lighting:

Artificial pitch flood lights

Space Constraints

None as sufficient run off provided.

Overall Residual Risk Following Risk Assessment: & Actions below
 Severity
 Likelihood

= Low
 = Low
 = Medium

Likelihood	Severity / Occupational Risk Level		
	Low	Medium	High
Low	Low	Low	Medium
Medium	Low	Medium	High
High	Medium	High	Unsatisfactory

Assessment of risk from above factors:

The school has taken sufficient steps (see procedures below) to ensure the risks are minimised.

The risk of collision by players and impact from balls during play can be reduced to an acceptable level during school use by lesson planning and supervision. This is covered as part of the PE faculties own risk assessment and management procedures and not in this risk assessment. However, risk management of this for external users is outside of the scope of the school and is managed by the clubs or group organiser.

Summary of procedures adopted to minimise risk:

1. Condition of surface

The school will maintain the pitch surface on a weekly basis and have a contract in place with a professional maintenance company who will carry out periodic maintenance during the year. The school will in addition will carry out any repairs required in a timely manner.

Sports Centre staff will carry out a daily visual inspection of the facility.

2. Incorrect Footwear

All players must wear the correct footwear at all times. A sign is erected at both entrances to the pitch stating and showing what footwear is and isn't acceptable for play. PE and lunch duty staff will ensure that all school users are adhering to these rules, with Sports Centre staff ensuring likewise for external users/hirers. Hirers are notified of the requirement at the time of booking and on an annual basis as part of the terms and conditions of use signed by the leader.

3. Goals moved by untrained staff

During school use, PE staff are only permitted to move the goals. They have undertaken Manual Handling Training on a periodic basis. Students are not permitted to move these. During lunchtime recreational use, the goals must not be moved.

For external use, only Sports Centre staff are permitted to move the goals. They have undertaken Manual Handling Training and been shown by the Sports Centre Manager specifically how to move them safely.

4. State of Repair for Goals

The goals will be checked thoroughly on an annual basis as part of the PE Health and Safety equipment audit. In the interim, PE staff and Sports Centre staff will check equipment on a weekly basis and will respond in a timely manner to any notified damage.

5. Pitch Lighting

The school will respond in a timely manner to any lighting defects notified to them by users. The Sports Centre staff will identify any lighting issues when switching these on in the evening/weekend.

6. Unauthorised Usage of the Facility

The whole school site is secured when closed and signs are erected to state that there is CCTV in operation on the site. During core school hours the pitch will be locked when not in use.

During hiring times, the Sports Centre staff will supervise the users coming and going to use the pitch and will respond to any unauthorised use.

7. Adverse Weather Conditions

The sand filled pitch is an all-weather surface which is playable in most weather conditions. The exceptions would be snow and ice which result in a frozen pitch. The suitability of the pitch in adverse conditions will be assessed by the PE teacher prior to lessons and Sports Centre staff prior to external hiring use. The pitch will be closed if deemed unplayable.

Date: 6 SEP 2017

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