



DATA ENTRY SHEET

PITCH INSPECTION

Please note

The best and easiest way to complete this is through the PitchPower app on your mobile. If there's a specific reason why you can't do this (e.g. poor mobile signal), here's a document that can be printed that covers everything in the inspection. You'll still need to input this info and upload the required pictures into the PitchPower app in order to submit your inspection(s).

You'll need to fill out a separate form for each of the pitches you maintain.

Ground name: _____

Pitch name: _____

Here we'll be taking a look at the condition of your soil and surface. You'll have to take a pictures of each area which you'll need to upload later, so ensure you have a camera / camera phone with you. For some sections you'll have to enter data from three areas of the pitch: **goal mouth 1**, **goal mouth 2** and **the centre circle**.

How long is your grass?

Take your tape measure and measure the grass from the base where it meets the soil, to the tip. Take a picture at each area that clearly shows the grass against the tape measure.



3 pics are needed for 'How long is your grass' (one each for goal mouth 1, goal mouth 2 and the centre circle) which you'll have to upload to the app later!

What is the average grass length? (mm)

Goal mouth 1	Centre Circle	Goal mouth 2

How healthy is your soil profile?

Your soil profile is made up of Topsoil, Thatch, and Roots. A healthy soil profile gives grass stability, strong roots, food, and water. This section is a bit technical (sorry!), so we've done our best to guide you through it. Don't worry if you think you're doing something wrong, you're probably not. If our assessors have any questions about your measurements, they'll be in touch.

Getting started: Use a spade or soil sampler to dig out a section of the pitch approximately 100mm x 100mm wide and 150mm deep.

1. Pick up the soil section that's been dug up
2. Lightly brush away some soil, so you can see the roots
3. Place it on its side on the grass
4. Measure from the base of the grass, just where it meets the soil, to the end of the roots
5. Take a picture of this that clearly shows the tape measure. You don't need to take more pictures, but you do have just a couple more measurements to take.

 3 pics are needed for 'Show us your soil profile' (one each for goal mouth 1, goal mouth 2 and the centre circle) which you'll have to upload to the app later!

Topsoil Depth (mm)

Topsoil is the soil in which grass grows healthily. In order to give you the advice needed to keep it healthy, we need to know how deep it is.

Using your tape measure, measure in millimetres from the top of the Topsoil, to where it ends. You might be lucky enough to only have Topsoil, but if you have a layer below your Topsoil, you'll be able to see a change. This is another technical one but our experts will be able to see the detail in your picture. Once finished pop the soil back in the hole and make sure it's level.

Goal mouth 1	Centre Circle	Goal mouth 2

Root Depth (mm)

Roots provide the grass with much-needed food and water and also join the grass to the soil. The greater the root depth, the healthier and stronger the grass will be, helping it cope with extremes in weather, as well as wear and tear during the playing season.

Using a tape measure, starting where the soil begins at the base of the grass, measure the roots in millimetres.

Goal mouth 1	Centre Circle	Goal mouth 2

Thatch Depth (mm)

Thatch is a build-up of organic material that can affect the quality of your pitch. It's a spongy layer that sits between the base of the grass and the soil. Measuring the depth of the Thatch and seeing a picture of it, will help us to recommend what's needed to improve it.

With the same soil you used for the root measurement. Using your fingers, and from the side, feel for a spongy layer. It will start where the grass meets the soil. Using your tape measure, measure the depth of this layer.

Goal mouth 1	Centre Circle	Goal mouth 2

Show us your surface profile

Let's take a look at what's happening on the surface on your pitch; the amount of grass, weeds, and debris will affect playing quality and how well your pitch can cope with wear and tear throughout the season.

Take a picture of this section of the pitch to help identify the amount of grass and weeds there are. Hold your camera at waist height, directly above the area you want to capture. Remember to repeat this step for **goal mouth 1**, **goal mouth 2** and **the centre circle**.



3 pics are needed for 'Show us your surface profile' (one each for goal mouth 1, goal mouth 2 and the centre circle) which you'll have to upload to the app later!

How does surface debris impact the quality of matchplay on your pitch?

This can include grass clippings, litter, animal faeces and leaves. Tick the box which best describes the impact of surface debris on matchplay.

Above standard - Surface debris does not impact on playing quality

Standard - Surface debris has a slight impact on playing quality

Below standard - Surface debris has a big impact on playing quality

What standard is your playing surface?

How flat and level your playing surface is can have a significant impact on the playing experience, and if not kept to a good standard, can lead to ponding (puddles) during wet weather. Tick the box which best describes the standard of your playing surface.

Above standard - The playing surface is flat without any significant undulations (lumps and bumps)

Standard - The playing surface is generally flat with some minimal undulations (lumps and bumps)

Below standard - The playing surface has significant undulations (lumps and bumps)

How good is the drainage on your pitch?

We know waterlogged pitches can be an issue in grassroots football. Tell us how your pitch drains so we can help you prevent this from happening. Tick the box which best describes the drainage of your pitch.

Free draining - No standing water

Slow draining - The pitch is playable, but soft underfoot and affects the quality of play for about 24 hours after heavy rainfall

Below standard - The pitch is still unplayable 24 hours after heavy rainfall

Are your goalposts compliant?

In order for your goalposts to be compliant, they must be safe, secure and meet the following criteria.

They must be made from one of the following materials:

- ◆ Compliant metal
- ◆ Aluminium
- ◆ UPVC

They cannot:

- ◆ Have metal cup hooks
- ◆ Be made of wood
- ◆ Be homemade or altered
- ◆ Be unstable

Yes - my goalposts are compliant with the above

No - my goalposts aren't compliant with the above

What standard are your line markings?

A good playing experience relies on line markings being clear, in the correct places and straight. Using the wrong materials to make the markings can have a negative impact on the pitch quality and in some cases is even illegal. Take a picture that clearly shows the quality of the line markings and tick the box which best describes the standard of line markings.



1 picture is needed for 'What standard are your line markings' which you'll have to upload to the app later!

Above standard - Line markings are always clear and straight

Standard - Line markings are always visible but not straight

Below standard - Line markings are not visible or have been applied using a non-standard material (eg. herbicide)

Do you do any additional maintenance on this pitch?

Yes - I do additional maintenance on this pitch

Maintenance Type

Frequency

Notes

No - I don't do any additional maintenance on this pitch

How many weekends has match play been cancelled on this pitch?

Tell us how many weekends match play been has cancelled on this pitch due to poor pitch conditions, within the last 12 months.

Weekends Cancelled

How often in this pitch used?

Tell us the number of training and match hours played on this pitch per week. If you're unsure, just give us your best guess for a typical week.

Training hours per week

Match hours per week

Is there anything else you feel we should know about this pitch?

Please tell us about any other sports that use this pitch. Also please let us know if there is any other key information about this pitch, such as any molehills or any vandalism.

Other sports on this pitch

Additional info about this pitch
