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NA FIANNA CLG



POLICY

in respect of all Astro Turf Pitches on the grounds of Na Fianna CLG
Lands

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1. All Weather Pitch Rules:

The maintenance of the surface is paramount and any activity which would pose a threat to the surface or integrity of the facility is strictly prohibited. The following Astro Turf Pitch User Rules apply to all personnel whether entering the facility as a player or attending the facility as a visitor.

- Users must vacate the All-Weather Pitch at the end of their hire time (55 Minutes). Hire time is on the hour for 55 minutes.
- Managers and Coaches are responsible for maintaining good order at the facility for the duration of their allocated training periods and must ensure that the facility and any equipment used is left in a safe, tidy, and orderly condition.
- All users should treat the facility in a considerate and proper manner.
- Managers and Coaches are responsible for the supervision of children under their care when training / playing at the centre and must ensure that their players take reasonable care for their own health and safety and for the health and safety of others.
- Adequate supervision should be in place to ensure that players do not behave in a manner which could cause injury, damage or nuisance to property, staff and other users of the facility or residents.
- All users must comply with any instruction they may receive from the Pitch Supervisor.
- All users under 16 years of age must be supervised by an appropriate number of adults.
- All accidents at the All-Weather Pitch must be reported immediately to the Pitch Supervisor.
- Any damage or fault discovered to equipment, fixtures or fittings must be reported to the Pitch Supervisor.
- Spectators are welcome however they should remain outside the Astro turf pitch fencing at all times.
- All jewellery must be taped over or removed prior to commencement of any session or game.
- It is prohibited to climb on or swing from any of the goal frames on the Astro turf pitch or fencing surrounding the Astro turf pitch.
- Only water in plastic containers is permitted on the Astro pitch. **No glass bottles.**
- Food, drink and chewing gum are strictly prohibited within the Astro turf pitch area.
- There is no smoking permitted within the facility.
- No alcohol is to be brought onto the premises.
- Litter should be removed from the facility and placed in the appropriate containers.
- Under no circumstances is anyone permitted to climb or attempt to climb the perimeter fence.
- No dogs allowed.

2. General Rules:

- Consideration of membership and bookings are at the discretion of the Pitch Supervisor
- No person shall be admitted into the facility without wearing the appropriate attire (including footwear) for that activity or as directed by the management (See Footwear Chapter).
- Users shall not, while suffering from an infectious disease, enter or use the facility, nor shall any person be admitted to the facility when, in the opinion of the Pitch Supervisor, they are in an unclean state or under the influence of alcohol or drugs.
- Users are prohibited to access the facility areas outside those required for use.
- There shall be no changing other than in the designated changing rooms.
- The use of mobile phones is prohibited in the changing facilities and spectators' area.
- The use of recording devices is prohibited in the entire complex unless prior approval has been granted by Na Fianna Executive Committee.
- Disorderly behaviour of any kind, including excessive noise, or otherwise, causing a disruption to the peace and order of the grounds is prohibited.
- Vandalizing or defacing materials or property including equipment, furniture, walls, or any other aspect of Na Fianna CLG Grounds is prohibited.
- Removing materials, equipment, or property from the building without authorisation is prohibited.
- Harassment of the Pitch Supervisor, either verbally or physically is prohibited, this includes;
 - Verbal abuse,
 - Use of profanity or other abusive language,
 - Intimidation, staring at or following the person within the facility,
 - Sexual harassment,
 - Harassment on the account of race, religion, ethnic background, gender, or sexual orientation.
- Failure to clean up after oneself while using any part of the facility is not acceptable.
- No smoking or use of tobacco products is allowed within Na Fianna CLG Grounds as both facilities are No Smoking/Vaping Zones.
- Selling products or services, soliciting for personal gain, or approaching guests/visitors/spectators for the purpose of obtaining signatures for petitions within the building is prohibited.
- Approval must be obtained in advance from the Pitch Supervisor, to post or distribute material or literature.
- Using a mobile phone or any digital device (audible pager, audio equipment, audio-visual equipment, or computer equipment) that disturbs and/or disrupts others within the grounds is prohibited.
- Abandonment of individuals, both adults and children, who are unable to take care of themselves is prohibited. A responsible adult (18 or older) must accompany children under the age of 16.
- Please do not leave personal property unattended in the facility.
- All facility equipment must be kept within the designated area and not moved without consulting supervising staff.
- Members/Patrons with any known medical condition or injury should consult with their doctor before participating in any form of exercise.

- Any group/individual found in breach of these rules will have their bookings suspended until further notice or in certain cases cancelled.
- Na Fianna CLG expects Managers / Group Leaders / Supervisors to explain these rules clearly to all group participants before using the facility.
- Na Fianna CLG does not accept responsibility for any illness or injury resulting from use of the facility at either Enfield or Baconstown.

3. Group Rules

- The group shall, while waiting on their time slot, remain outside of the Astro Turf Pitch.
- Children (under 18 years of age) must be supervised at all times by a nominated person.
- All groups must enter and exit the facility in an orderly fashion.
- If a need to cancel a booking arises on a once-off basis, the group must give 7 working days' written notice (text message will suffice) requesting the cancellation to the Pitch Supervisor.

If 7 working days' notice is given, the Pitch Supervisor will try to accommodate them with a new time or if failing that, provide a refund.

If the request is received less than 7 working days prior, the group is liable for full payment.

- **NO UNAUTHORISED USE OF THE ASTRO IS PERMITTED, PRE-BOOKED USERS ONLY.**
- **ONLY COACHES, MANAGERS AND PLAYERS ARE ALLOWED ON THE ASTRO TURF PITCH.**
- **MANAGERS OR COACHES MUST BE ON THE PITCH BEFORE PLAYERS/CHILDREN.** The person in charge of the group must ensure players/users behave correctly.
- **SPOT CHECKS WILL BE CARRIED OUT ON PLAYERS TO ENSURE CORRECT FOOTWEAR IS WORN.**
- **PLAYERS WITH INCORRECT FOOTWEAR WILL BE REQUESTED TO LEAVE THE ASTRO TURF PITCH AREA** and the coach will be held responsible.
- **RESPECT FOR THOSE USING THE ASTRO TURF FOLLOWING YOU IS EXPECTED – PLEASE BE AWARE OF THE 55 MINUTE RULE**

4. Car Park Rules and Regulations:

- A speed limit of not more than 20km must be observed by all vehicles within the premises of Na Fianna CLG.
- Cars must not be parked at any of the entrances or exits or in any way inconvenience other users.
- Na Fianna CLG does not accept liability for loss of or damage to any motor vehicle or its contents.
- Parents should ensure that children waiting outside the facility do not run through the car park as this poses a potential danger for children and vehicles.
- If the Pitch Supervisor witnesses children playing in this area, they should inform the children's parents.

All rules are subject to change by Na Fianna CLG.

5. Pricing

Enfield

Peak Times – Monday to Friday 6pm – 9pm €60 Full Pitch, €35 Half Pitch

Off Peak Times – Monday to Friday 9am – 6pm €50 Full Pitch, €30 Half Pitch
Saturday 9am – 9pm, and
Sunday 9am – 9pm

Baconstown

Peak Times – Monday to Friday 6pm – 9pm €45 Full Pitch

Off Peak Times – Monday to Friday 9am – 6pm €35 Full Pitch
Saturday 9am – 9pm, and
Sunday 9am – 9pm

6. Bookings

- Astro turf pitch slots are booked by the hour on the hour (6PM, 7PM ETC).
- Bookings can be made from 5.30pm to 8.00pm, Monday to Friday and 10.00am to 1.00pm Saturday and Sunday by calling **GERALDINE GERAGHTY (086) 1999417**.
- The Astro turf pitches will be closed from the second Monday in December to the second Monday in January.
- Special times and events can be catered for, depending on availability of the Astro turf pitch. These times and events are subject to consultation with Na Fianna CLG Executive Committee.
- All bookings are subject to confirmation and evidence of required documentation (Insurance Policy).
- Block bookings will be open from the first Monday in October to the last Friday in March and from the first Monday in April until the last Friday in September. Exceptions will be made for schools returning before September and finishing schools after March.
- Block booking can only be made in 6-month periods. Bookings for October can be made from August 30th and bookings for April can be made from March 1st
- When a block booking is made the start date of the booking will be the start date for payment.
- If a block booking misses two consecutive bookings during peak time, they will lose their booking.
- Casual bookings can be made throughout the year and will be accepted if availability allows.
- Booking time (1hour) includes a period of at least 5 minutes before the end of each session to allow for equipment to be taken down and players to vacate the Astro turf pitch, change over should be prompt.
- Na Fianna CLG members will be offered first refusal of an Astro turf pitch slot for the forthcoming season April 2022.
- Any available slots then will be booked on a first come, first serve basis. Regular users will be offered first refusal on available slots for the forthcoming season. Teams may be put on a waiting list until availability of an Astro turf pitch slot is known.
- Details of Bookings will be available on www.nafianna.ie/bookings.

7. Footwear



Listed below is the protocol required when playing or coaching on the all-weather surface and when attending games. It is essential for the integrity and life span of the surface that this protocol is strictly adhered to.

- The permitted footwear for the all-weather pitches and training area is boots with moulded rubber studs or rubber / steel screw-in studs – both illustrated on the image above.
- Boots can be steel studs on their own OR moulded rubber on their own but not blades.
- An example of blades is below – blades are made from hard plastic and are not prohibited on all weather surfaces.
- All persons entering the Astro turf pitch enclosure must wear appropriate footwear for safety and to avoid damaging the synthetic grass.
- Blade boots, runners and boots with worn studs are all prohibited as they will damage the synthetic grass.
- Players, coaches, managers, and any other persons involved in the game or training should comply with the appropriate footwear and ensure everyone in their group is compliant.
- Parents and spectators should remain outside the Astro turf pitch enclosure.
- Boots and attire should be clean of all mud or other dirt.
- Team coaches are responsible for footwear of all players involved in their sessions.

These are 'blades'; Their blade grips are made from hard plastic. They will ruin the synthetic grass and are dangerous as they can get caught and cause ankle injuries

They are not permitted on the 3G pitch



**THIS SHEET IS TO BE SIGNED AND RETAINED AT THE RELEVANT
NA FIANNA CLG FACILITY.**

I have read and accepted the Na Fianna Astro Policy and agree to abide by the rules.

The non-enforcement of any of the Rules is not a waiver of the Rules and shall not prejudice Na Fianna CLG taking any subsequent action.

First name: _____

(Pitch Supervisor)

Surname: _____

First name: _____

Surname: _____

Club/Group: _____

Date: _____