

Terms & Conditions of Use for Grass Pitches Managed by Wigan Council for the 2024-25 season

1. Football Pitches managed by Wigan Council will **open on 10th August 2024 and close on 11th May 2025**.
2. Fees shall be paid as per the information in the accompanying email. Failure to pay promptly may result in the withholding of fixtures from the leagues and / or the termination of the Pitch Rental. Note: Final payments are due, upon receipt of your invoice. Any teams who default on their payment are not guaranteed a pitch the following season. **No reminders will be issued for any payments.**
3. The club shall indemnify Wigan Council against any accident or injury arising from the club's use of the allocated facilities.
4. Users must keep strictly to the pitch & time slot allocated and must not transfer to other pitches or grounds without the prior direction or consent of Wigan Council. **The pitch layouts and locations are listed on <http://www.wigan.gov.uk>**
5. To maximise pitch quality through the season pitches may only be used by the allocated teams for league fixtures and cup matches and **must not be used for training, friendly or practice matches.**
6. Where the club shares pitches with another club, it is the Club or League Secretary's duty to arrange fixtures accordingly. Any duplication of home fixtures must be resolved by the respective Club Secretaries. Clubs are responsible for ensuring that they, or League secretaries, provide a list of all home fixtures, with at least two weeks' notice, to Wigan Council.
7. During periods of poor weather, Wigan Council will decide whether soccer pitches should remain open for referees to make the final decision. The result of Wigan Council's decision will be available on Wigan Council's social media feeds. All rugby pitches will be left open for referees to make the final decision. The decision of Wigan Council or a League-appointed referee is final.
8. Wigan Council accepts no responsibility for personal belongings left in changing rooms during matches. Changing rooms may only be used by teams playing on the pitches at that site and not by teams playing elsewhere, except by prior agreement with Wigan Council.
9. Where changing and shower facilities are available, the Team Manager will be provided with a key for which they are responsible. Keys should not be loaned to other teams; anyone losing a key may obtain a replacement (for a fee of £10) from Wigan Council. The club will be responsible for any damage sustained whilst the facility is being used by the team. Each Team Manager must contribute to ensuring:
 - i) That the facility is left in a clean and tidy condition after use.
 - ii) That all lights, showers, taps etc. are switched off on leaving the facility.
 - iii) That the facility is locked whenever the building is left empty of any users.
 - iv) That the **NO SMOKING** policy is adhered to at all times.
 - v) If the changing rooms have not been opened or cannot be locked please ring Wigan Council Central Watch (24hr service) 01942-404040
10. Home team managers are responsible for the removal of litter generated from the playing of their fixture.
11. Teams should ensure that their players and supporters behave in a respectful manner towards other players, supporters and residents. Teams should ensure that their players and supporters park considerately when using Wigan Council pitches.
12. Team managers are responsible for ensuring that players are made aware of the Evacuation Procedures located in the changing facility.
13. Contact Information: Any change in club or team contact details should be forwarded to Wigan Council on **parks@bewellwigan.org**. Enquiries relating to Pitch Maintenance can be made to **streetscenecustomerservices@wigan.gov.uk**.
14. Wigan Council reserve the right to terminate the Pitch Rental Agreement without notice.
15. Pitches are available for evening fixtures during the first four weeks and the last four weeks of the season only on the days below with the following conditions:
 - Tuesday evening - priority is given to teams/ leagues allocated the pitches on Sunday morning
 - Wednesday evening - priority to teams/ leagues allocated the pitches on Saturday afternoon
 - Thursday evening - priority to teams / leagues allocated the pitches on Sunday afternoon

16. Teams allocated to Leyland Park are required to provide parking marshals and directional signage to reduce residential parking issues.
17. **Failure to comply with the above Terms & Conditions may result in the termination of the Pitch Rental Agreement.**

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