

TERMS AND CONDITIONS FOR USE OF THE DURDHAM DOWNS FOOTBALL FACILITIES

2025-26

1.0 BRISTOL CITY COUNCIL'S RESPONSIBILITY

- 1.1 Bristol City Council will carry out a programme of work to maintain football pitches to a clean and safe standard.
- 1.2 Teams who rent a pitch on a seasonal basis will receive a maintained pitch, erected goal posts and pitch markings, regardless if they use or do not use the changing facilities.
- 1.3 Bristol City Council will assess ground conditions on a Saturday morning or earlier during inclement weather conditions. If the ground conditions are such that matches should be cancelled, Bristol City Council will make arrangements to notify the league secretary.

2.0 FOOTBALL/RUGBY TEAMS RESPONSIBILITY

- 2.1 Teams who rent pitches from Bristol City Council should ensure that a league-approved referee is available and present at each match played.
- 2.2 The home team, in liaison with the referee, should inspect the pitch prior to the commencement of each match. If, in the opinion of the home team or referee, the pitch is not fit to play, or if there is a problem with equipment provided by Bristol City Council (e.g. goal posts, corner flags), the game should be cancelled. Bristol City Council should then be notified at the earliest opportunity of the problem, to enable the Downs Ranger to take the appropriate remedial action.
- 2.3 The home team should ensure that no rubbish is left on the pitch or in surrounding areas. If teams fail to comply, a Cleaning Fine of £15 will be issued and appropriate photographic evidence will be taken and provided to the Hon. Secretary on issue of the fine. If Teams persistently break this rule, it may result in the temporary or permanent suspension of the team's pitch.
- 2.4 Teams who use the changing facilities should keep changing rooms clean and tidy and clear of rubbish.
- 2.5 Boots should NOT be cleaned in the shower area or changing rooms. If any team members are caught doing so, or evidence is found, a Cleaning Fine of £15 will be issued. The teams Hon. Secretary will be provided with photographic evidence on issue of the fine.
- 2.6 All teams are reminded that it is illegal to smoke within the changing rooms.
- 2.7 Teams are responsible for their opponents, their behaviour and litter left.

- 2.8 Teams will refrain from the use of offensive language on and off the pitch, and act in a considerate manner towards nearby residents and other park users.
- 2.9 Any abusive and/or inappropriate behaviour will be treated very seriously. It may result in the temporary or permanent suspension of the team's pitch.
- 2.10 Teams shall indemnify and keep indemnified Bristol City Council from and against all loss and damage, actions, proceedings, suits, claims, demands, costs, damages and expenses in respect of injury to or the death of any person/damage to any property (moveable or immovable) or otherwise by reason of or arising as a result of the negligence of any team member or its supporters.
- 2.11 Teams shall take out and maintain Public Liability Insurance in respect of claims arising out of its liability. The sum shall not be less than £5,000,000 for any one occurrence or series of occurrences arising out of one event. Documentary evidence that the insurance required has been taken out and is being maintained shall be included with the application form for inspection by Bristol City Council, without the relevant insurance documents teams will not be allowed to start the season.
- 2.12 There is to be **NO PARKING** on the grass areas or paths of the Downs. If any member of the league is seen to be breaking this rule, all matches the following week will be cancelled and no time allowed to rearrange these missed matches. The Downs are regularly patrolled and a wheel clamping and tow away scheme is in operation.

3.0 BOOKINGS AND CANCELLATIONS

- 3.1 Should matches be called off due to inclement weather, Bristol City Council will try to accommodate the teams.
- 3.2 We are unable to accommodate any games outside of the season.
- 3.3 We are unable to provide a refund on postponed matches.
- 3.4 There will be an administration charge of £75.00 to any teams cancelling their pitch application after the 20 August 2025 and before the start of the season.
- 3.5 Where a team cancels their pitch application after the start of the season, the Secretary will be liable for the full seasonal fee. In cases where the team wishes to withdraw from the league, Bristol Parks require one month's written notice from the Hon. Secretary.

4.0 SEASONAL PAYMENTS AND VENUES

- 4.1 There is a non refundable £15 administration fee for processing an application.
- 4.2 Payments are to be via invoice, in two instalments, September 2025 and March 2026.
- 4.3 Failure to make payment within 30 days will result in the temporary withdrawal of facilities. Reinstatement will only be arranged upon full payment. Payment will need to be with us the Wednesday before the weekend match is due to be played to guarantee reinstatement.

5.0 ARREARS

- 5.1 Teams with outstanding invoices, or part thereof from any previous season with Bristol Parks will not be granted a pitch for the coming season until full payment has been made, regardless of a change of the club secretary.

6.0 SUB LETTINGS

The seasonal booking applies only to the club that has made the booking; therefore no sub-letting of the allocated pitch may be made without the prior written consent of Bristol City Council.

7.0 DOUBLE FIXTURES

Double fixtures are not permitted unless prior application is made in writing at least two weeks in advance of the scheduled matches. Where permission is given, additional attendance charges will be made for any time in excess of the normal match duration of one and a half hours.

PLEASE READ CAREFULLY BEFORE SIGNING

- I have understood all the Terms and Conditions set out by Bristol City Council.
- I agree that all Terms and Conditions will be adhered to at all times.

Signature of main club contact:

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Signature of Witness:

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