



ORRFC Pitch Policy

Allocation of Pitches for Matches

- The most **Senior Age Group with a Cup Match** gets use of the **1st Team Pitch** on the day of the game
- If there are no cup matches then the most **Senior Age Group with a Friendly Game** will be allocated the **1st Team Pitch**
- If, after the application of the Cup/Friendlies criteria, there are **2 same-named age groups** at home (U18 Girls / Colts or U16 Girls / U16 Boys) then **priority goes against the team that most recently played** on the 1st XV Pitch
- The 1st XV pitch should generally only be used for 15-a-side games, although there will be exceptions e.g. when U13 girls or U12 boys are hosting a finals day or special match
- All other matches are allocated according to pitch requirements for the team

Allocation of Pitches for Training

- The only age group that has a set training area is the **U6s**
- Training space is allocated based on numbers and needs of teams (e.g. posts etc) and allocation will rotate throughout the season
- When in use **Wallfield** can be used by any age group **up to and including U16s**
- The areas between and around the pitches may also be allocated for training if needed
- The 1st Team Pitch is not to be used for training / non match sessions by any section
- "Special Requests" have to be made at least **1 week in advance** to the **Pitch Manager** who will discuss with the applicable **Section Head***

* **Section Heads: Mini, Junior, Girls, Women, Touch, Walking Chairs or Seniors D of R**

Changing Rooms

- Changing rooms **1,2,5 & 6** are for the use of all club members and will be allocated on match days as necessary
- Changing rooms **3 & 4** are for the use of gym members and should **NOT** be used by club members unless by prior agreement
- Wallfield's changing rooms can be allocated if needed. They are **NOT** exclusive use and if football is playing at the same time then they also have the right to access the changing rooms
- **ALL changing rooms** are expected to be left clean and tidy. It is the responsibility of the team / section using them to ensure both the home and away rooms are presentable after a match. Failure to "tidy up after yourselves" will result in a changing room ban for offending team
- If the **Girls** have matches then they will automatically get **2 changing rooms**. How they are used can be decided by the Girls Team. (ie if only 1 age group then 1 away and 1 home, if 2 age groups then 1 for one age group and 1 for the other)
- On days when **Girls and Boys** have matches the **2 remaining changing rooms** are given out to the **Senior Boys age groups** playing
- If no Girls matches the **4 changing rooms** will be given to the **2 most Senior Boys age groups** playing
- If all 4 changing rooms are not needed then they will be open for toilet use



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Late Changes to Allocations

- If there are late changes to the Pitch Allocations, for example following a Pitch Inspection by the **Grounds Manager** or the withdrawal of Wallfield by the **Reigate College Grounds Manager**, then matches and training will be reallocated by the **Pitch Manager** in consultation with the applicable **Section Heads**. They will take into consideration all relevant facts such as who the opposition are / where they are coming from, which age-groups have been cancelled previously, numbers at training etc. Wherever possible decisions will not be made until the morning of planned activities.

Weekly Pitch Plans

- The Sunday Pitch Plan will be drafted by the **Pitch Manager** in consultation with the **Grounds Manager** (having considered the Pitch Usage Policy as below)
- It will be released to the **MJG section** no later than **Saturday evening**
- **Head Coaches / Team Managers** can request amendments directly with the Pitch Manager who will confirm with **Section Heads** if required
- Midweek training space is agreed with age groups at the start of the season and will remain as agreed for the duration (unless there are special circumstances ie unusable pitches)

Pitch Usage Policy

1st Pitch

- The Priority is to be ready and in the best condition for all **1st Team** Home matches
- To also be available for **2nd Team** Home matches when not required by the 1st XV
- To be available for **1 MJ&G** match on a **Sunday**, subject to conditions. Occasionally it might be needed for 2 matches. **Grounds Manager** to be consulted
- To be available for the occasional tournament final, subject to conditions. **Grounds Manager** to be consulted
- All warm-ups to be held off the pitch (space will be allocated on pitch plan)

A Pitch / 2nd Team Pitch

- Priority to be ready for 2nd Team Home matches and Floodlit matches.
- To be available for **1st Team training** on **Tuesday / Thursday evenings** and **MJG training on Wednesday/Thursdays**
- To be available for **M,J&G training** on **Sunday if additional space is needed**

Mole Hill Pitch

- To be available for all general use. This includes Senior training, MJ&G Training & matches, and School use

Training Pitch (Up/Down)

- To be available for all general use.
- Middle Touch pitch on the Up/Down pitch to be protected whenever possible



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Geoff (Top Up/Down)

- Generally for U6's use on a Sunday but may also be allocated to other age groups as necessary

12 Acre Pitches

- Priority is for **all 3 pitches** to be available for **Dunottar** requirements. This includes Lacrosse up until Christmas, then Football until Easter. Rugby pitches will be over marked in blue to accommodate other sports
- To be available for all M,J&G games and training needs. Where possible training and squad drills to be conducted in outfield areas, preserving the pitches for games
- **12 East** to act as 2nd Team Home game pitch if A pitch not playable
- **12 West** to act as reserve 1st Pitch in the unfortunate event of a player injury. Also, as 3rd Team Home games. Therefore training / squad drills to be avoided on this pitch
- **Small Football Pitch** to be available for Priory FC Junior matches. Also available for M,J&G use

General

- Repetitive tackling or scrummaging in one place should be avoided (ie drills that will easily churn up the surface). Coaches need to use common sense and be aware of how their squad drills effect a pitch and move / tailor their drills accordingly. Ideally these drills should be conducted off the pitches and the vacant areas surrounding them used instead

Extreme Weather Conditions

- When deemed necessary before any scheduled matches and / or training, the Grounds Manager will perform a pitch inspection. At weekends this will be completed before 9:30am on Saturday and 7:30am on Sunday
- Generally, decisions to cancel and / or restrict usage will be made on the same day unless it is obvious from the weather forecast that pitch conditions will not improve beforehand
- Considering the best interest of the club, safety, and rugby in mind; if the **Grounds Manager** reaches a decision to either restrict the use of certain pitches or to cancel all training and / or matches altogether, then that decision is final
- Any questions on pitch condition should be raised with the applicable **Section Head**.