



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 U15 Girls / U15 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**

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

Changing Room Allocation

- If the **Girls** have matches then they will **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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Weekly Pitch Plans

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

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 confirm if ok to do so
- To be available for the occasional tournament final, subject to conditions. **Grounds Manager** to confirm
- With the exception of Colts, U18 Girls and Seniors, pre match warm-ups are to be held off the pitch (space will be allocated on pitch plan)
- **No training (by any section) is to take place on the 1st pitch**

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)

- Available to all
- No heavy training on pitch, please use areas off the main pitch for scrums etc



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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 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
- Any special training area requests need go through **Grounds Manager** or **Pitch Manager**

Extreme Weather Conditions

- Taking into account 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** who will raise concerns with relevant club individuals.

Flags

- The 1st XV pitch will always be flagged up before the weekend for fixtures both on Saturday and Sundays. The flags do not need to be removed once the match has finished.
- The A pitch will also be flagged up for a Saturday or Sunday fixture depending on where the matches will be. The flags need to be put back in or next to the ground shed (I understand it might be locked and people not have access).
- 12 acres will need to be flagged out by teams using the pitches whether it is OR's or Dunottar. The flags for 12 acre pitches are located on a tree on the left corner of 12 west. Please flag out and put back when game is finished.
- If we stick to this it helps stop flags going missing and vandalism.