

GREATER MANCHESTER CRICKET LEAGUE

Ground and Facilities Assessment Checklist (v4/10/2/26)

Club:

Date of Assessment:

Inspected by:

Club Official(s) present:

Overall Grade: GOLD/SILVER/BRONZE

Item	Descriptor	Y/N	Comments
Sight Screen	Two at each end/moveable/ non-reflective/must be in good condition and adequate and appropriate for the size of ground. They should stand outside the playing area.		
Boundary	The boundary must be clearly marked by a rope (24mm diameter minimum size), fence or continuous boundary boards. Where feasible, for player safety and spectators, the boundary should be kept 1 meter short of walls or other permanent obstructions or structures. Flags or white markers are preferred.		
Scoreboard/ Scoring Facilities and Wi-Fi connection	Electronic or manual. Must be able to display minimum of total runs, total to win, wickets down, overs remaining, current individual batsman's score, last man's score, Duckworth-Lewis- Stern score		
	Internet connection. Wi-Fi or 4G/5G signal for both scorers provided by the home club		
Scoring facilities	Separate area to accommodate two scorers either:- As an integral part of the score box with a clear view of the playing area. Comfortable place for two scorers; or as a separate area (or room) away from the main scoreboard. Must have the capacity to update the scoreboard either manually or electronically. Adequate space for two seated scorers and a clear view of the ground		

Covers	<p>Pitch covers must be available to cover an area of approximately 27 yards x 4 yards prior to and, if required, owing to inclement weather, during a match.</p> <p>Full roll on roll off covers are preferred and supplemented by adequate sheeting as necessary to protect vulnerable areas such as the bowlers run ups or adjacent pitches.</p> <p>Pitches should be fully covered for at least 24 hours before the match if necessary.</p>		
Main Clock	A clock that can be viewed from the match pitch, mounted externally either on the clubhouse or the score box		
Match Stumps and Bails	Should be properly matched sets in good condition and with matching bails		
White discs	In good condition and sufficient to make 30-yard fielding circle		
Drying Equipment	<p>The club should have the ability to remove either manually or mechanically, areas of surface water after rain. Bowdry ground drying machine or similar</p> <p>Sawdust for damp ground/pitch areas.</p>		
Umpires & scorers communication	<p>Walkie Talkies for use by Umpires and scorers during the game.</p> <p>Retained and issued by the scorers.</p>		
Practice facilities	<p>Two bay outdoor net facility (either grass or artificial). Where space permits these should be a permanent facility.</p> <p>All surfaces should be well maintained. Artificial surfaces should be free of holes or tears. Where possible netting should be full length and should incorporate roof netting. Nets should be in a good state of repair</p>		
Players Changing Rooms	Two separate rooms. Changing rooms should be lockable should include coat hooks for 12 players with bench (or similar) seating		
Showers	Two shower heads as a minimum		
Toilets for Players	Ideally with convenient access from changing rooms. One WC and hand basin with mirror above (minimum)		

Changing for Umpires	Separate from the players with access to a WC and hand basin with mirror. Lockable room with seating, coat and towel hooks adequate for two umpires. This room not to be used as a storeroom or other purpose when umpires in attendance.		
Bell	A bell for umpires to declare innings commencement to be within earshot of players and spectators		
Social and Dining / Tea Room	Room to accommodate players and umpires for lunch and tea breaks.		
Kitchen and Serving Area	Clubs to ensure they follow all statutory requirements.		
Ladies and gents Toilets	Separate ladies and gent's toilet facilities. WC and hand basin with mirror above. Hot and cold running water. Disabled access facilities to be available.		
First Aid Box	A fully stocked First Aid Box must be available at all times when the club is being used. Clubs to consider the availability of a defibrillator and its safe use.		
Signage	Entrance to the ground to be clearly signed in the name of the club		
Seating	Adequate external seating for players and spectators		
Car parking	Adequate car parking for players, officials and spectators – at or reasonably adjacent to the club or other appropriate facility for car parking. The appropriate insurance disclaimer should be displayed as appropriate		
Disabled Access	Clubs should ensure disabled access to key areas of the ground and clubhouse. Where the pavilion/scorebox is on more than one level consideration to be given as to how, for example, a wheelchair user would get access to floors either above or below ground level.		

Playing Surface Square	Appearance and presentation. Quality of the cut should be even across the square, striped with uniform colour. Less than 5% of the area weeds and moss. Unevenness should be less than 5mm deviations. No bare areas or evidence of unrepaired ends. Pitch cut, prepared and marked. Frame and stump hole marker in good order.		
Marking equipment			
Artificial pitches	Free of moss and rolled.		
Playing Surface Outfield	Appearance and presentation. Quality of the cut should be even, striped with uniform colour, no grass cuttings on the surface. Unevenness measured as: less than 25% of the outfield; half the outfield; all the outfield, deviations less than 25mm. No bare areas. Weeds and moss should be less than 25% of the surface.		
Equipment and Machinery	Is the machinery serviced and in good order. On the square:- Mower; Roller; Verticutter; scarifier; rake. On the outfield:- Mower; spiker/brush.		
Name of Groundsman	Any qualifications held; how many years experience? Contact details		
Pitch Power Report	Any actions taken since the last report?		
Club Development Plan	Any plans to develop or improve the facilities and ground in the next 1 to 5 years?		

AGREED ACTIONS AND TIMESCALE:

SIGNED: