

Maintenance Details

Annual Maintenance

Vertidrainage and Sand Topdressing

- Annually, the playing field should be topdressed with 120tn/ha of specified sand. Each dressing should be drag matted into the surface.
- The playing field shall then be vertidrainage with the 2.5metre machine equipped with 25mm diameter tines of length 250mm and spaced at 100mm centres.
- Vertidrainage should be repeated through the growing season on a couple of occasions to aerate and de-compact the soil.

Seeding to Reinstate

- The playing field shall be over sown using a Vreedo or similar approved seeding machine in three passes and a seed rate of 35g/m². The seed mixture shall be Germinal A20 or approved equivalent.

Grass Cutting – Initial Establishment

- Allow the grass on any newly sown areas to reach 40mm in height - inspect and remove any stones or other deleterious material with dimensions greater than 25mm.
- The area shall then be lightly rolled when ground conditions are suitable.
- Cut with an approved rotary mower when the grass has reached 50mm in length, followed by regular cutting using approved equipment.

Grass Cutting – Mowing Standard

- The mowing standard for the playing field during a typical year should be based on the following schedule. Although minimum and maximum grass heights are stated cut heights should be adjusted to take account of climatic conditions and growth patterns.

Maximum height of cut	-	50mm
Minimum height of cut	-	25mm
Cut frequency April - September	-	20 Nr
Cut frequency October - March	-	4 Nr
Mower type	-	Approved Cylinder/Rotary
Grass Clippings	-	Collect or Fly

Fertiliser

- Fertiliser dressings shall be applied periodically to maintain grass growth.
- The fertiliser shall be applied by mechanical spreader uniformly to the playing surface avoiding any areas of over concentration.
- Fertiliser should be applied during periods of showery weather, long dry periods should be avoided.
- Recommended formulation, rate and approximate timing are scheduled as follows,

Month	N	P2O5	K2O	Mg	Fe	Amount (Kg/Ha)
April	12	6	6	0	0	300
June	12	6	6	0	0	350
August	12	6	6	0	0	350
October	4	4	8	0	0	300

- Timings are indicative only and applications should be dictated by prevailing weather conditions, soil temperature and grass growth/appearance.

Weed control.

- Apply a selective herbicide in the spring (if required) to combat the weeds present.
- This to be applied at least two weeks after the first fertiliser treatment (May) and at a time when grass growth is strong and healthy. NB. Do not apply herbicide during periods of potential turf stress, i.e. if the weather is hot and dry or if frosts are forecast.
- Apply herbicide strictly according to the manufacturers label recommendations and only by suitably qualified personnel.

Maintenance Generally

- The above should be considered a minimum template for playing surface maintenance. Regular inspections and divot repairs by hand will assist in the overall appearance and presentation.