

Procedures for FIFA Approved Synthetic Football Turf Pitches Fields 2 (Premier), 3 and 4



There are many benefits associated with Synthetic Football Turf:

- No mowing
- No line marking
- No watering
- No wear and tear over the season
- Usable almost 24/7 all year round
- Consistent bounce
- No off-season downtime with field refurbishment
- Major maintenance reduced to twice a year
- Playing surface quality does not deteriorate over the season
- Limited affect during wet weather.

There are some downsides though:

- Slightly warmer playing surface
- Ongoing maintenance to remove organic matter from surface eg mud, leaves.

To enable the quality of the playing surface to be sustained over the next 10 years, there are some essential rules that players, team officials, parents and spectators must adhere to:

- Access to Fields 2, 3 and 4 is via the southern (railway end) carpark across Field 5 to the shed in the middle of the complex. Access across Field 1 is not permitted.
- Moulded soles on football boots are permitted however metal tags are not.
- Boot wipers are located at each access point. Everyone is required to use the boot wipers prior to access. Players/referees/team officials **MUST** also present their boots prior to entering the fields.

It is highly recommended that all players change into their boots when at the field rather than wear them from the carpark to the fields thus limiting the amount of dirt/mud/contaminates on the soles.

- Water is permitted to be taken onto the fields however other drinks and food are not to be taken onto fields nor consumed inside the field fences.
- There is to be absolutely no dogs permitted past the access points. In fact, Souths is a dog-free zone.
- Souths is also a smoke free zone except in our 2 carparks therefore smoking is not permitted on or near our fields.
- Spectators will not be permitted access to the fields. Currently there is no seating provided. This will be addressed prior/during the 2016 season.

So in short:

- 1 Change into boots at the field rather than wearing them from home/car.
No metal tags allowed.
- 2 Use boot wipers before entry
- 3 Restricted seating for spectators

The Management Committee trust that you/your children will enjoy the new playing surfaces and that everyone will respect these procedures to ensure the longevity of the surface.