



Northampton School for Boys – Artificial Football Pitch

Conditions of Use

The following information is intended to act as a guideline for lettings use of the NSB artificial football facility (referred to hereafter as the AWP) by any and all external users.

Users

- Any organisation taking a letting on the facility is responsible and accountable for the behaviour of players, coaches, parents and spectators associated with their organisation. In short, any person on the school site because this letting is in effect.
- Users are to be made aware that the school grounds are a non-smoking environment, it is particularly relevant that this is reinforced with spectators who are inside the perimeter fence of the AWP.
- Users are also to be made aware that the school has a 'no dogs' policy in operation, to protect students and users from the possible risks of toxicosis.

Parking:

- It is hoped that the coaches will be able to encourage visiting parents and spectators to park considerately in the appropriate areas of the school site.
- Cars parking in the sports hall car park must use the spaces provided, whilst avoiding the access points marked in yellow. Under no circumstances can cars visiting this area spill over onto the grassed areas. If the car park is full, additional drivers can use the quad, the Old Northamptonians or the local streets.
- The Quad is located on the right hand side at the top of the access drive. Cars parking in the Quad must not block the emergency vehicle 'clearway', which will be marked in red on the tarmac.
- There is limited parking at the entrance to the pitch for 2 or 3 cars, to be used by coaches and team managers only. Parents and other spectators should park in the areas provided for them.

Changing:

- Users are asked to respect the changing areas and use litter bins as provided.
- Players may wear their training footwear in the changing areas, if clean.
- Players / coaches are to use the tarmac pathways to move from the changing areas to the playing areas.

Letting Timings:

- Users are reminded that their letting may follow or precede other lettings on the pitch.
- Groups are not to enter the playing area inside the fence line, whilst other groups are on the surface.
- All groups have a duty to leave the playing area on time at the end of their letting.

Entering the playing Area:

- All players / coaches are requested to enter the facility through the players entrance at the dug outs.
- Users are requested to clean footwear of any mud, using the boot scrapes provided at the players entrance, before entering the playing area.
- Users are requested to briefly scrape boots upon exit to limit the amount of crumb taken back into the changing areas.

Footwear

- **All forms of metal studs are prohibited on the carpeted area.**
- It is absolutely essential that this point is observed and enforced by the organisation taking the letting.
- If another team is visiting the facility for a competitive match, the lettee will inform the visitors prior to the fixture of the footwear requirements.
- Players and staff who enter the playing surface are permitted to wear moulded studs, plastic blades, plastic studs or trainers.

Accidents / Injuries

- Geoff Finning as Sports Lettings Supervisor is responsible for recording accidents and injuries which occur to visitors during sports lettings. As such, all injuries significant enough to warrant reporting should be recorded through Geoff Finning on the night of the letting.
- If any letting requires emergency services, lettees are instructed to call GFI for support immediately.

Goals:

- All six goals are integra-weighted, there is no need to use additional weights.
- The goals must be moved in an appropriate manner. Dragging them across the surface will damage the carpet.
- Side goals can be moved to and from the side lines by simply lifting the front end using the handles provided at the base of the posts and walking the goal forward or back. There is no need to 'drop' the wheels over shorter distances, but users should have a third person pulling the net on transit to avoid the net being caught in the roller as the goal is moved.
- Main goals are moved using the wheels, which pop down using the red handled leavers.
- If a lettings group move any goals for their training session, they must return them after the session ends to the appropriate area of the facility.
- The folding metal 9 v 9 goals are not to be used by lettings groups.

Team Shelters:

- Users are asked to ensure their players do not kick balls into or around the team shelter areas, as a direct hit to the perspex side of the shelter could cause it to shatter.

Playing Equipment:

- The school will provide pitch, goals, flags and team shelters.
- The understanding is that all lettees will supply their own additional training / playing equipment, in the form of balls, bibs, cones and such.
- Any training aid that would ordinarily be driven into a grass surface using metal spikes, such as slalom poles or passing gates, are strictly forbidden. Unless used with an appropriate plastic base.

Litter:

- Litter bins are provided at the dug outs for use by the playing and coaching staff.
- Litter bins are provided in the spectator area for the spectators and parents.

Support Contacts:

- Your on-site support throughout the letting will be the Sports Lettings Supervisor - Geoff Finning, who can assist with any issues throughout the time of your letting, on 07764 278510
- Your contact at the school for official enquiries relating to the letting, including invoicing is the Events Coordinator, to be contacted in office hours through the school switchboard on 01604 230240.
- If there are any operational issues that you would like to discuss, please contact the Director of Sport, Jamie Wilcock, on his direct line number 01604 258649.

Please be advised that considerable time, planning and financial resources have gone into creating, what we feel to be, an excellent sporting environment. It is hoped that all users who enter into a letting agreement with the school will respect this fact and endeavour at all times to ensure their users follow the Conditions of Use outlined above. Northampton School *for Boys* reserve the right to cancel a letting arrangement at short notice should it be felt that a particular lettings group have not respected the Conditions of Use and through their actions are affecting the quality of the facility or equipment provided.