



OFF SEASON MATCH DAY ACTIVITIES CHECKLIST

There are some key actions that can be taken to ensure that your pitches and facilities are ready to go when the new season kicks off. Think about how this type of work can be shared by a number of people or better still how can you make it into an event, where everyone can join in and lend a hand!



Goals

- Are the goals in good working order, with no defects or damage to the structures?

- Do they require a lick of paint to make them look fresh for the new season ahead?

- Are the nets free of holes? Do you require new pegs or plastic clips?

- Are the bags used to transport the plastic goals still in good working order?

Corner Flags

- Are the corner flag poles free of defects and damage?

- Do they stand upright in the corner holes safely?

- Are the corner flags flush to the pole, do they require any more ties to enable them to remain attached?

Dug Outs

- Are the dugouts free from litter?

- Are they still in good working order and there is no structural damage?

- Is the entrance into the dugout clear and free from debris?

Pitch Boards

- Are the pitch side boards free from defects?

- Do they clearly display the details of the organisation?

- Are all organisations, businesses and sponsors still relevant?

Stands

- Are the stands free from litter?

- Are they still in good working order i.e. seats are safe, no structural damage etc?

- Is the entrance into the stands clear and free from debris?



Access Points

- Are they still easily identifiable?

- Are emergency access points, pathways still easily identifiable?

- Are the access points around the pitch clear and free from debris?

Playing Requirements

- Check to ensure that there have been no changes in facilities requirements, i.e. pitch dimensions, run off etc.

- Check what age groups the club will have next season and what format of the game and pitch dimension sizes they will need to play within.

Find Us

- Is the ground location still easy to identify?

- Is additional signage required to support visitors in coming to the club/ground?

This is not an exhaustive list, so you may have other match day areas and equipment that need reviewing and checking before the season starts.

Important things to consider with all the above:

- Has the identified damage or maintenance been correctly and appropriately reported?
- Has a suitable company(ies) been commissioned to carry out any repair/maintenance works?
- Have the works been budgeted for?
- Have the works been agreed and signed off by the committee, board or appropriate others?

