

RULES FOR USE OF NEW FLOODLIGHT ALL WEATHER SURFACE:

Introduction:

The new full size all-weather facility has been installed in conjunction with the 'Football Association of Ireland' as part of our club's designation of "Regional Development Centre". The facility will be used by the FAI Emerging Talent Programme on Monday night of each week and as otherwise agreed by the FAI. The Surface has been designed and installed to achieve the following minimum standard "**International Artificial Turf Standard (IATS) – FIFA Recommended 1 Star * rated synthetic (Monofilament) Surface**".

Maintenance of this standard is important in order that our club retain our 'Regional Development Centre Status'. This standard is also a requirement for the playing of official games. Hours of usage must be monitored and maintenance of surface will have to be planned and undertaken to assist in retention of above standard.

The facility will be used by the club as back up to our existing infrastructure as follows.

- (a) Coaching Education Programmes
 - (b) Planned Team Coaching Sessions for young player 'technical development'
 - (c) Back up for playing of selected games during bad weather.
 - (d) Back up for club teams coaching during bad weather.
 - (e) Selective commercial hire to meet loan repayments and maintenance costs.
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- The use of this important element of club infrastructure will be controlled by the club executive.
 - Player technical development is of the essence in the use of this club facility. Club Schoolboy, Schoolgirl teams and Adult teams will use this facility only under the direction of qualified club coaches who have achieved as a minimum FAI Kick Start 2 coaching qualification. (a Minimum of six months derogation period will be allowed from date of opening to allow existing managers to achieve this qualification. This period will end in on 31st August 2010)
 - Due to restriction on weekly hours of usage it would be impossible to allow all club teams to use this facility in any one week. In general Club Teams will continue to train and coach using the existing club facilities. However when coaching work of technical nature is required, a club team will be allowed use this facility for planned coaching sessions.
 - The following rules will apply to all users and must be adhered to at all times. Persons or groups who are in breach of these rules will be automatically prohibited from using this facility and will be reported to the club executive committee and will be disciplined in accordance with club disciplinary procedure.
 - Game time will be restricted to end of coaching sessions or when used as integral part of planned technical development.

- Food products, chewing gum and soft drinks will not be permitted within the boundary fence of this all weather facility.
- Smoking is strictly prohibited within the boundary fence and for a distance of 10 metres outside the boundary fence.
- Approved footwear shall be cleaned at the detox areas outside the entrance gate before entering the all weather surface
- Striking football against the boundary fencing is strictly prohibited.
- Playing in goal areas other than in game time or in planned tactical coaching sessions is strictly prohibited.
- All white lines shall be coned for coaching sessions and sessions will be planned so as to offer a change in direction during session.
- All equipment and goals must be removed to storage after each session.
- Littering will not be tolerated and water bottles etc shall be placed in bin.
- Fitness training other than with ball will be undertaken on sand training area.
- Access from clubhouse to all-weather facility will be by tarmac footpath only.
- Crossing grass pitches is strictly prohibited.
- Parents who come to view sessions on the new all weather will only be allowed to use the macadam footpaths and should not access the synthetic grass area.
- Only the following Footwear will be permitted on this all weather surface
- **Footwear Permitted:**
- Moulded Studs & Moulded Blades ONLY.
- Footwear NOT Permitted:
- No Steel Studs
- No Steel Blades
- No Astro Turf Runners
- No Flat sole Runners /Trainers.
- **Please note:** Where it states no Astro Turf Runners. We are not permitted to allow anyone onto pitch with Astro Runners as it is NOT an Astro Turf Pitch
- The club executive retains the right to amend these footwear requirements at any time.