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## Grounds Protocol



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**Policy Document**  
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## **1. Ground Regulations**

The Executive and Grounds committees are striving to keep Fr Maginn Park in pristine condition, to enable the playing of games and training for all our teams, and are asking for your assistance

## **2. Booking of Pitches**

All pitch bookings should be requested through the Pitch Booking Utility available on [www.conmagees.com](http://www.conmagees.com). *It is advisable for coaches requesting access to the pitches, to first of all check availability of the pitch and time slot through the online calendar, also available on [www.conmagees.com](http://www.conmagees.com). Where a request for duplicate bookings exists for the same pitch, the Booking Facilitator will highlight to the relevant parties and they shall then be responsible for resolution of the conflict. It is not the responsibility of the Booking Facilitator to resolve such conflicts. The Pitch Booking Utility has a built in time stamp for requests and typically, pitches will be allocated on a first come first served basis. This Booking Utility is currently facilitated by Aodh O'Loan.*

League/Championship fixtures shall take preference over training sessions or other activity on the pitches.

In the event of more than one match being scheduled for the same general time, the main pitch shall be allocated to the most senior team. The second pitch (zone 1&2) shall be allocated to the next most senior team. The exception to this shall be in the case of a championship fixture where that pitch may be deemed unsuitable, depending on grade, and thus the main pitch should be allocated to this game.

In the event of more than two fixtures being scheduled for the same general time, pitches shall be allocated on the basis of seniority of the teams playing and on the grade of competition, in keeping with County regulations e.g. All County league/championship fixtures shall take priority over other fixtures. Specific pitch allocation (Main or second) shall be in line with the paragraph above.

## **3. Pitch Closure**

In adverse weather conditions, decisions on closure of pitches, pertaining to training, will be taken by members of executive and grounds committee. **Referees will make a decision regarding matches, as per league regulations.**

This decision is final.

## **4. Main Pitch**

MAIN PITCH shall be used for official games only. This shall be reviewed by the executive committee at May executive meeting each year (or as appropriate thereafter) and a determination made regarding specific occasional use outside of games during May-October period. In the event that the main pitch does have to be used outside of games, the lower half only may be used for training (i.e. from the lower 65 yard line down to the bottom goals).



## **5. Guidance Regarding Drills on all Pitches**

- Ladder drills should be conducted, as far as possible, outside the sidelines or off the grass totally if possible.
- Tyres are not permitted to be used on the main pitch at any time. Where tyre drills are used on the lower or training pitches, tyres should be removed to the embankment immediately after training finishes.
- Sprinting drills with one turning point should commence on the pitch, with turning taking place outside the end-lines or side-lines.
- Sprinting drills with multiple turning points should be moved regularly and any divots/ridges should be repaired as much as possible.

## **6. Floodlighting and Training Pitch**

A key to the generator compound shall be located in the switch room. Instruction on using the generator shall be given to all team mentors at the beginning of the season (and a refresher annually, to account for new coaches). Instructions shall be inserted on the inside door of the generator also.

A small levy to cover fuel costs shall be collected by team managers using floodlights. This shall be fixed at a rate determined annually (at September executive). The club secretary shall communicate this levy to all coaches across all codes (Con Magees and Bridini Og). Levies shall be returned monthly, by the last day of that month, to the club treasurer.

## **7. External Requests for Use of Playing Pitches at Fr Maginn Park**

Any external request shall be notified to the grounds committee chair and to the person responsible for pitch bookings. Requests shall be in line with OG regulations governing use of club premises and GAA insurance provisions. The external rate for usage of pitches shall be set at £30 per hour/match or £50 per hour where floodlighting is required. This rate shall be reviewed annually, led by the club treasurer, at January executive.

## **8. Changing Rooms**

ALL TEAMS using changing facilities are responsible for ensuring that they are left clean after use – team managers are requested to oversee that this happens. Brushes, dustpans and bins have been provided within the changing room complex. For competitive fixtures, our home team is responsible for cleaning the visiting team's dressing room.

## **9. Team Managers / Mentors / Selectors**

- Please ensure goalmouth covers are replaced after games on the main pitch
- Ensure players use boot cleaners after training and games
- Ask players to use rubbish bins provided
- Make sure changing rooms and main gate are locked after coaching and games.

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## 10. Umpires

### Football

- **In charge of getting umpires**
  - Shaun McLaughlin
  - **P.A--TBC**
- **Pitch flags put out before and taken in after game--Gerard Higgins**
- **Outside Toilets Open before and close after game-- Gerard Higgins**
- **Scoreboard --Gerard Higgins**
- **Goalmouth covers replace after game-- selectors**
- **Rota for players to clean changing rooms after training and games--Manager**

### Hurling

- **In charge of getting umpires**
  - Kieran Hughes
  - **P.A Cormac OLoan - Seamus McAleenan**
- **Pitch flags put out before and take in after games--Noel Kerr**
- **Outside toilets open before and close after games--Noel kerr**
- **Scoreboard -- TBC**
- **Goalmouth covers replace after games--Selectors**
- **Rota for players to clean changing rooms after games--Manager**

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