

# **Terms and Conditions for casual use of artificial cricket pitches in Bristol Parks 2026 Season**

## **1 Bristol City Council's Responsibility**

- 1.1 Bristol City Council and/or its contractors will carry out a programme of work to maintain cricket pitches within Bristol Parks to a clean and safe standard.
- 1.2 Teams who hire a cricket pitch will receive a maintained pitch and line markings.
- 1.3 Bristol City Council and/or its contractors will assess ground conditions, and if in their opinion the ground conditions are such that matches should be cancelled the following notifications will be made:
  - Phone call to main club contact.
- 1.4 Bristol City Council reserves the right to licence events, which may result in cricket pitches being unavailable on given dates. Every effort will be made to inform the home team of such dates, prior to fixtures being confirmed at the beginning of the season.

## **2 Cricket Teams Responsibility**

- 2.1 The home team should inspect the pitch prior to the start of each match. If, in the opinion of the home team the pitch is not fit to play, the game should be cancelled. Bristol City Council should then be notified at the earliest opportunity of the problem, to enable the Site Manager to take the appropriate action.
- 2.2 If any home team is found to have played a match after Bristol City Council has cancelled play it may result in a charge for the reinstatement of the pitch.
- 2.3 Bristol City Council request that teams take the weather conditions into consideration before commencing, and during play, as playing on a pitch during wet weather could cause damage that may result in the pitch becoming unplayable in future weeks.
- 2.4 The home team should ensure that no rubbish is left on the pitch or in surrounding areas. If teams fail to comply, a Cleaning Fine of £15 will be issued and appropriate photographic evidence will be taken and provided to the Hon. Secretary on issue of the fine. If Teams persistently break this rule, it may result in the temporary or permanent suspension of the team's facilities.
- 2.5 All teams are reminded that it is illegal to smoke within the facilities. If Teams break this rule, it will result in the temporary or permanent suspension of the team's pitch.
- 2.6 Teams are responsible for their opponents, their behaviour and litter left.

- 2.7 Teams will refrain from the use of offensive language on and off the pitch, and act in a considerate manner towards nearby residents and other park users.
- 2.8 Any abusive and/or inappropriate behaviour will be treated very seriously. It may result in the temporary or permanent suspension of the team's facilities.
- 2.9 Teams shall indemnify and keep indemnified Bristol City Council from and against all loss and damage, actions, proceedings, suits, claims, demands, costs, damages and expenses in respect of injury to or the death of any person/damage to any property (moveable or immovable) or otherwise by reason of or arising as a result of the negligence of any team member or its supporters.
- 2.10 Public liability insurance cover is included in the cost of hiring a casual pitch

### 3 Bookings and Cancellations

- 3.1 We need as much notice as possible to book a casual cricket game. We will not take any bookings after 4.30 pm on the Tuesday prior to a Saturday or Sunday match
- 3.2 The cricket season runs from the first Saturday in May until the last Sunday in August.
- 3.3 Games must not finish any later than 21.00pm
- 3.4 For games due to take place on a Saturday or a Sunday, cancellations must be made by no later than 4.30pm on the preceding Wednesday, otherwise teams will be liable for the full amount. If the cancellation is made by Bristol City Council, the payment can be carried over to another date, or refunded

### 4 Fees and Venues

- 4.1 The fee is per game.
- 4.2 No facilities (access to changing rooms, toilets and equipment) are included with the hire of the artificial wicket pitches.
- 4.3 The following cricket pitches are available for casual hire in 2026:

Park	Number of pitches available
Netham Park	3 x artificial wicket pitch

- 4.4 The following charges apply to casual pitch hire in 2026\*:

Facilities available	
Pitch only - adults	£104.00
Pitch only - youth	£66.00

\* including VAT and insurance (regardless of whether clubs have their own insurance)

4.5 Payment is to be made by invoice. Club contact will be invoiced the first Wednesday preceding their booked game. Payment must be made within 30 days. Please see invoice for a full list of ways you can make your payment. Cheques and Postal Orders should be crossed and made payable to 'Bristol City Council'.

## 5 Preparation Charges

In the event of late cancellations or any unnecessary preparation work being carried out, a charge of £27.00 will be made. To avoid incurring a cancellation charge, teams must notify the Sports Lettings Officer of a cancellation within the day and time set out in point 3.

### PLEASE READ CAREFULLY BEFORE SIGNING

I have understood all the Terms and Conditions set out by Bristol City Council.

I agree that all Terms and Conditions will be adhered to at all times.

Signature of main Club contact:

Name:

Date:

Signature of Witness:

Name:

Date:

I confirm that we will be included in Bristol City Council's annual declaration to Bristol City Council insurers in order to be covered by Bristol City Council's public liability insurance for the above site.

**Name:**

**Team Name:**

**Signature:**