

Terms and Conditions for use of Cricket Facilities 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 rent a cricket pitch on a seasonal basis will receive a maintained pitch and line markings, regardless if they use or do not use the changing facilities.
- 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.
 - Telephone call to Hon. Secretary
- 1.4 We will keep up to date live fixtures on our website:
www.bristol.gov.uk/parkspitchupdate

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 will result in an automatic one week pitch ban.
- 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 Teams who use the changing facilities should keep changing rooms clean and tidy and clear of rubbish. If teams fail to comply, a Cleaning Fine of £15 will be issued*

*Not applicable as there are no changing facilities at Oldbury Court

- 2.6 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.
- 2.7 Teams are responsible for their opponents, their behaviour and litter left.
- 2.8 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.
- 2.9 No vehicles are allowed pitch side at Oldbury Court. If teams are found to allow cars pitch side, this will result in an automatic one week pitch ban.
- 2.10 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.
- 2.11 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.
- 2.12 Teams shall take out and maintain Public Liability Insurance in respect of claims arising out of its liability. The sum shall not be less than £5,000,000 for any one occurrence or series of occurrences arising out of one event. Documentary evidence that insurance has been taken out and is being maintained shall be included with the application form for inspection by Bristol City Council, without the relevant insurance documents teams will not be allowed to start the season.

3 Bookings and Cancellations

- 3.1 The cricket season runs from the first Saturday in May until the last Sunday in August.
- 3.2 Play during the season is permitted on Saturdays and Sundays. Matches will commence from:
- 2pm for weekend matches
 - 6pm for week night matches
- 3.3 A limited amount of Wednesday play will be available to the allocated seasonal teams, at the discretion of Bristol City Council. The additional charge for Wednesday games will be £82.00* per game for adults and £41.00* per game for juniors.
- 3.4 Weekend matches - For games due to take place on a Saturday or Sunday, cancellation must be made no later than 4.30pm on the preceding Wednesday.

- 3.5 Midweek matches - For games due to take place on a Wednesday, booking/cancellation must be made by no later than 4.30pm on the preceding Monday.
- 3.6 In the event that play is called off due to weather conditions, or if the home team cancel a pre-booked match, the home team are responsible for rearranging the game, (subject to availability) and letting the Sports Lettings Officer know within the correct deadlines.

4 Seasonal Fees and Venues

- 4.1 Each cricket pitch will have one Club allocated to it on each day it is available for play (subject to change).
- 4.2 The fee for seasonal bookings is per team, per season and based on ten home games only. Additional games will be charged separately.
- 4.3 Where changing facilities are available, a deposit will need to be made by the Club for a key. This deposit is fully refundable at the end of the Cricket Season on return of the changing room key.
- 4.4 The following cricket pitches are available for seasonal hire in 2026:

Park	Number of pitches available
Oldbury Court	1 cricket pitch

- 4.5 The following charges apply to seasonal pitch hire in 2026*:

Facilities available	Adult	Junior
All Parks - Per team	£803.00	£404.00
Cost per additional game	£82.00	£41.00
Changing room key deposit	£50	£50

* Pricing is subject to approval by Bristol City Council Cabinet. Confirmation will be made to Clubs upon confirmation of pitch hire.

* There are no changing rooms at Oldbury Court

- 4.6 The full seasonal amount is due before the start of the season. You will be sent an invoice at the point of application.

5 Arrears

- 5.1 Failure to make payment within 30 days will result in the temporary withdrawal of facilities. Reinstatement will only be arranged upon full payment. Payment will need to be with us the Wednesday before the weekend match is due to be played to guarantee reinstatement.

5.2 Teams with outstanding invoices, or part thereof from any previous season with Bristol Parks will not be granted a cricket pitch for the coming season until full payment has been made, regardless of a change to the club secretary.

6 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 Hon. Secretary:

Name: Date:

Signature of Witness:

Name: Date:

Address of witness:

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