Seasonal Cricket Pitch Hire Terms & Conditions
AMEY PLC

Terms and Conditions of Pitch Hire

1. Applications for Seasonal Cricket Pitch Hire shall be on the pitch application form provided, and shall be returned to: Amey plc (Sports Booking), Greenford Depot, Greenford Road, Greenford, UB6 9AP. Each team within a club must fill out an individual application.

2. In order to qualify as a Seasonal Booking, the following conditions must be met:
   a. 10 or more bookings and must be made in the same transaction
   b. All the bookings must be separated by at least 24 hours.

3. The season for cricket will be for a period of 20 weeks each year, commencing sometime in May. Amey plc will allocate pitches at its discretion, and will try to accommodate all seasonal bookings as best and as fairly as possible.

4. Amey Plc reserves the right to decline or cancel bookings or to limit the cricket season or match times at any venue if it deems that it is in the long term interest of the sustainability of the playing surface and/or the safety of those using it.

5. Cricket pitches are booked by the match. A match booking is for is for 6 hours per team and includes a maximum of 5 hours playing time with 1 hour for changing and mid-game refreshments.

6. Cricket matches shall not commence before 1pm without special permission and the payment of any additional fees required. All play must terminate not later than half an hour before the closing time of the ground. Ealing Council, Amey Plc or an authorised representative on duty may terminate any match which is likely to interfere with the closing of the ground at the proper time. Changing facilities will be opened no later than 30 minutes before the commencement of games. Changing facilities must be vacated before the closing time of the ground. Teams not arriving within 1 hour of the arranged start time will be deemed not be playing and forfeit their fixture – no refund will be made. Park closing times are published on the Ealing website http://www.ealing.gov.uk/services/leisure/parks_and_open_spaces/grounds_maintenance/gate_locking.html

7. All pitches are categorised by the facilities that are available at individual locations:
   Grade A = pitches that have basic changing facilities, this does not necessarily include toilets and/or showers.
   Grade B = pitches that have no facilities
8. Play is not allowed unless the club is in possession of an Amey plc official Permit to Play, which will be issued to you by email when your booking is confirmed. Matches must be played at the time and on the pitch indicated on the Permit or as advised by the authorised representative on duty. Teams are not permitted to use alternative pitches unless they have been given written consent. Authorised representatives of Ealing Council and/or Amey Plc reserve the right to undertake random inspections of permits and to terminate the game immediately if one cannot be produced.

9. Ealing Council arranges for the preparation of pitches. The positions of the wicket will be marked out and must not be altered without written consent. Ealing Council and Amey Plc do not supply wickets or any other cricket equipment.

10. Amey Plc shall be the sole judge as to the fitness of the pitch for play. Ealing Council and/or Amey Plc reserve the right to close without notice any pitch or ground which it deems unfit for play owing to weather or other conditions. There will be no obligation to allow another day in lieu and no refunds. Seasonal booking fees will be calculated to take into account the likelihood of pitch closures due to weather and other conditions, and the lower price charged is a reflection of that.

11. Mutual exchange of dates between clubs or subletting is not permitted without the written consent of Amey Plc.

12. If a club breaks any Ealing Council by-law and regulations, or these terms and conditions, or behaves in a manner prejudicial, or causes a nuisance, then that club shall forfeit the right to play on Ealing Council pitches. Amey may cancel the club's Permit to Play for the remainder of the season without refund, and may decline to consider future applications made by the club.

13. Persons using Ealing Council pitches do so at their own risk. Ealing Council and/or Amey plc accept no responsibility or liability in respect of loss or damage to property or injuries sustained by any person. Ealing Council or Amey plc give no warranty of any kind as to the safety of the pitch or facilities. Amey plc employees or authorised representatives are forbidden to take charge of any money, jewellery or any article in any circumstances.

14. Clubs may not erect or do anything that will prevent the public from having free access to other areas of the park without the written consent of the Ealing Council and/or Amey Plc
15. Amey Plc welcomes complaints and compliments. Complaints must be made in writing within 5 working days of an issue or incident occurring. Complaints should be mailed to Amey Plc (Sports Booking), Greenford Depot, Greenford Road, Greenford, UB6 9AP or sent by email to Ealingsports@amey.co.uk A resolution will be communicated to you as soon as possible and within 10 working days of complaint receipt. If for whatever reason a resolution cannot be reached within the timeframe, or if the club does not agree with the proposed resolution, then the complaint can be escalated to Ealing Council. Any complaint escalated to Ealing Council's will be dealt with in accordance with the Council's Complaint Procedure.

16. The club is responsible for any loss or damage to the pitch, facilities, or any other Ealing Council property. The club shall ensure that Ealing Council property is left in a clean, tidy and orderly condition. Club will be charged the cost of any works of repair or reinstatement required as a result of unnecessary and avoidable damage to the ground. In the event of any loss or damage arising from the hire:
   a. The club will keep Ealing Council and Amey Plc indemnified from and against all actions, claims, demands, costs, losses and expenses which may be brought or made against it or incurred by it however arising directly or indirectly out of or in connection with the hiring.
   b. The club will not make any claim against Ealing Council Amey Plc in respect of loss, damage or injury arising as aforesaid.
   c. The club will comply with any condition laid down by Ealing Council’s insurers and any costs involved in complying with such conditions shall be borne by the club.
   d. Notice in writing must be given of any accident, damage or proceedings as soon as possible and not later than 48 hours of the incident occurring, and no repudiation of liability negation or admission shall be made to a third party. Correspondences should be sent to Amey plc (Sports Booking), Greenford Depot, Greenford Road, Greenford, UB6 9AP.

17. Clubs are required to pay the total fee at the time of acceptance of a seasonal allocation (10+ games). The charges will be set out in Ealing Council’s current scale of fees which are available on request. Fees shall be paid as follows:
   a. Payment due must be made in full once reserved and not later than 5 working days before the first booking date.
   b. Payment can be made online by Credit/Debit card at www.amey.co.uk, following the instructions provided in the reservation email.
   c. Credit/debit cards may also be used to pay via the telephone by calling 01865 713539.
   d. Cash, cheques or postal remittances are not acceptable methods of payment.
   e. Charges are reviewed annually and the new charges are operational from the start of respective seasons.
18. Any club seeking to change a confirmed booking date must request to do so in writing on the form provided. The request must be received no later than 5 working days before the date. A decision will be made and returned to the club within 2 working days of request receipt. All such requests must occur within the season for which the original date was booked.

19. In extraordinary circumstances Ealing Council and/or Amey Plc may cancel a booking for reasons other than for pitch fitness. In such cases fees paid may be refunded.

20. Where a booking is cancelled by attempts will be made to telephone affected clubs on the details provided. An email will also be sent to the club. It is the responsibility of the club to check for email messages from Amey Plc before they travel to play.

21. Clubs must ensure that any litter produced is disposed of appropriately. Failure to do so may result in Ealing Council and/or Amey Plc withdrawing permission for the club to use the pitch for the remainder of the season, and decline to consider future applications made by the club. Clubs may also be charged for the removal of the rubbish.

22. The clubs agrees to abide by certain prohibitions. Clubs shall not:
   a. Bring or allow to be brought onto the pitch, ground or into the changing accommodation any alcohol or dangerous hazardous substance.
   b. Sell or supply any goods of any description on the pitch, ground or into the changing accommodation or other property owned by the Council.
   c. Bring any vehicle onto the pitch or ground, other than a public car park or highway, without prior permission of Ealing Council and/or Amey plc
   d. Allow smoking in any facility. Smoking in all Ealing Council buildings is strictly forbidden.

23. The club must not store any equipment in or at the facilities between games.

24. The person signing the application on behalf of the club must be 18 years of age or over and will be responsible for complying with and ensuring compliance with the Amey Plc terms and conditions for the hire of outdoor sports pitches and any instructions given by Ealing Council and/or Amey Plc

25. Any tournaments and/or Events held in conjunction with sports pitch hire will not be confirmed until a separate Events application has been approved. Tournaments and/or Events are subject to further Terms and Conditions and to Ealing Council's Events Policy. Additional charges will also be applied. Application forms can be obtained from the
26. The hiring does not entitle the club to use or enter the pitch or facilities at any time other than the specified hours for which the hire is made.

27. If the hirer representing the club changes address or contact details while the club still has bookings pending then he/she must notify Amey plc in writing at Amey (Sports Booking), Greenford Depot, Greenford Road, Greenford, UB6 9AP.

28. In the event of any accident or occurrence whatsoever necessitating temporary closure of all or part of the facility hired, the club agrees that Ealing Council and/or Amey Plc shall not be liable for any loss or claims arising from such closure.

29. Amey, reserves the right to modify any of these conditions, or to further impose conditions where they consider necessary.

30. Clubs must accept to be bound by these terms and conditions before they can be fixtured. Making a reservation and/or signing and returning the application form will be taken as confirmation that the club agrees to be bound.