

Winter Play



Hello Everyone

Now that the season has officially ended, we still hope that you will be able to continue to play but, please NO JUMP SHOTS!

1. Monday coaching will now be replaced with a Roll-up making 3 roll-ups each week, the others on Wednesdays and Saturdays as usual. Generally, there will be someone to organise play, but if not please arrange games yourselves. The last person to leave to make sure that the premises are secure. Please make sure that everyone's name is in the Diary.

2. The booking system will remain operational throughout the winter.

3. Lawns – really important information!

The practice lawn will remain open during the winter.... unless conditions are really dire.

The two main lawns will remain open unless heavy rain causes ponding in the usual areas, in which case two smaller lawns will be marked out on the drier areas of each lawn. In some circumstances we may need to fully close both lawns – I'm afraid we seem to be having a run of very wet winters.

Sometimes there will be information on the Booking System about lawn closure; sometimes we'll send out a newsletter. However, there are times when we ask you to make a judgement about whether or not they are fit for play.

Waterlogging and frost are the two main problems:

Waterlogging, besides making play more difficult, greatly increases the risk of compaction and poor grass growth. If when you walk across the grass water oozes from under your feet please don't play.

Frost results in grass scorch from footmarks, and can kill the grass. We suggest starting a little later in the day when the sun has had a chance to clear the frost. Please don't play when frost is severe and prolonged.

Whether or not to play can be a difficult decision if you've travelled to the club looking forward to a game. If the decision is that tricky, better to err on the side of caution.

Here's hoping that we get one of those kinder winters with dry, balmy periods when we can play.