



Grounds & Facilities Strategy

At our Annual General Meeting, we detailed our plans for a “Grounds & Facilities Strategy” which was being compiled by our Grounds & Facilities Sub Committee. Selected clubs from all divisions were given the opportunity to consider this document as part of the consultation period before publication. This document has now been approved by the Executive Committee for general release to all clubs.

In recent years it had become apparent that a more formalised Strategy was needed so that all clubs have the confidence that their facilities, where assessed, are done so, as far as practicable, on an equitable and consistent basis. The Strategy has been written to cover both Premier & Division One clubs together and, separately, Divisions 2-5 clubs together (where the criteria are somewhat less stringent). This Strategy will become effective from the start of the 2014 season in order to give time for clubs to individually identify areas of concern within their own facilities.

Please be assured that although this Strategy is intended to standardise and improve facilities throughout the Championship, it should, in no way, be perceived as a definitive document – we fully intend to evolve this strategy with your help and guidance. Our aim is that this Strategy is about working together with clubs to find mutually agreeable solutions where issues are identified. Our Grounds & Facilities Sub Committee will assist and advise clubs in this process. We do not intend this Strategy to be a barrier or delimiter to development and success, but to be a helpful guide for clubs to achieve improvement in their facilities, and thereby more and better cricket.

Additionally, as all clubs are aware, through our Treasurer Peter Murphy, funds are available to provide limited financial help, particularly to clubs where a promotion has required an upgrading in their current facilities as defined by this Strategy.

If your club is planning a new ground or clubhouse, it is important that this Strategy is incorporated into your plans as well as keeping our Grounds & Facilities Sub Committee fully informed. We are here to help.

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