



Bishops Cleeve FC and Bishops Cleeve Colts FC



Managers' Guide – BC FC All Weather Pitch

This guidance, to share with users: <https://www.bishopscleevecolts.co.uk/bc-fc-awp>
Tewkesbury Borough Council Community News: <https://www.tewkesbury.gov.uk/news/bishopscleeve-football-club-to-get-new-3g-artificial-pitch>

Background

In 2020 Bishops Cleeve FC, supported by BCC FC, some 430 club members and supporters, and multiple other organisations and local bodies, successfully applied for nearly £522,000 of Football Foundation funding, and raised funds to bridge the gap between that and the roughly £850,000 cost of upgrading Kayte Lane with a 3G All-Weather-Pitch (AWP).

The upgrade was completed in April 2022, is Football Association (FA) registered for competition games, and available for BC FC, BCC FC, and wider community use for training and other footballing events.

It is planned for a 10-year life before the surface must be replaced. Its operation needs to result in funds to cover that planned renovation, with excess set aside to fund improvements in local grassroots football provision.

Footwear Restrictions

The 3G AWP can be damaged by inappropriate footwear. Given the cost of repair and replacement this is not acceptable. Inappropriate footwear poses a risk of injury.

The AWP surface simulates firm ground, the wrong footwear, with too much or too little grip, can catch in the surface or slip.

The following rules are important for user safety and protection of the AWP surface. This investment and its users are important to us, please respect these rules.

1. Event leads, i.e. managers and coaches of training or playing teams, are responsible for ensuring players, team, and match officials are informed of footwear requirements well in advance of an event,
 - a. Please use the link provided above and this managers' guide to keep your team and your opposition informed.
 - b. Please check footwear BEFORE entering the AWP.
2. Plastic moulded studs only. The correct types of boots will generally be advertised as Firm ground (FG), Artificial Ground (AG),
 - a. NO flat soled or running shoes,
 - b. NO metal studs, Boots advertised as Soft ground (SG) will have longer and/or metal studs and are not OK.
3. Correct footwear is required for ANYONE that enters the AWP, whether they are playing or not, this includes;
 - a. BC FC & BCC FC Managers & coaches,
 - b. Visiting managers and coaches,
 - c. Match officials (referees & their assistants), whether competition appointed or not. This does mean that a referee or assistant referee can only be selected from spectators if they have correct footwear.
4. Clean footwear only. Significant mud and grass from previous games must be cleaned off before entering the AWP.
 - a. Boot brushes have been provided at AWP entrance points, boots don't need to be spotless, but must have clumps of mud and grass cleaned off.
5. Emergency scenarios are exempt. If a significant injury occurs, do not hesitate to provide appropriate emergency aid and care, and admit necessary persons, e.g. and injured player's parents, or emergency services, to the AWP.



TigerTurf

Appropriate Footwear
for a TigerTurf 3G Pitch

Use round plastic-studded footwear only
(no metal studs)



Do not use dimpled or flat soled shoes



Footwear should always be clean and in good condition

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Figure 1: Official Tiger Turf guidance



Figure 2: BC FC clarification on plastic studs



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Booking

3rd party bookings are made through the BC FC facilities manager:

- David Kirtland, facilities@bishopscleefc.co.uk, 07960 418445.

BCC FC bookings are made through the BCC FC fixtures secretary. This allows BCC FC to track cost & use versus our budget.

- Antony Davies, fixtures@bishopscleevecolts.co.uk, 07878 885203.

General Use

The 3G is a significant club asset, intended for the benefit of BC FC and BCC FC, but also as a community facility for the use of other clubs and groups, including, for example, the growth of disability football in the area. To ensure the facility sees maximum use, and so meets its operating savings targets, we need to be disciplined about its use; to ensure handover times between bookings are respected, and that misuse doesn't lead to additional work and cost.

1. NO mums / dads / siblings / other spectators 'jumping on' to have a quick kickabout before, during breaks or after training or matches,
 - a. Booked in users are spending good money should be respected and allowed to maximise their time.
2. Use all four wheels when moving the goals. Dragging the goals on the pitch will damage it, and could lead to lift & shift injuries.
3. Put all four wheels up, bars down, on the goals when they are static, including when they have been put away,
 - a. The goals are heavy, and it is well known from use of other facilities, e.g. the Cheltenham Tigers AWP, that misuse of the goals / wheels over time results in them breaking. They are expensive assets and we have seen lift & shift injuries from moving broken goals.
4. Clear away rubbish at the end of a session.

Leaving goals facing the fence means that the wheel levers can be accessed to raise the wheels after it has been parked in the storage area.



DON'T leave goals wheels down, i.e. Levers facing away from rear corner (above).



DO leave goals with wheels up: i.e. Levers facing towards rear corner (above, below)

