



Ground Criteria

Intermediate clubs who are undertaking ground improvements/modifications should be conversant with the criteria for senior football and the funding streams available.

Irish Premier League Criteria from 2008/09	Premier Intermediate League Criteria from 2007/08 *	Intermediate Football Criteria from 2008/2009
<p><u>Pitch and Playing Surface</u></p> <p>The field of play must be rectangular and the length of the touch line must be greater than the length of the goal line. The minimum length is 95m and the minimum width is 60m.</p> <p>The pitch must be level and have a good playing surface.</p>	<p><u>Pitch and Playing Surface</u></p> <p>The field of play must be rectangular and the length of the touch line must be greater than the length of the goal line. The minimum length is 90m and the minimum width is 45m.</p> <p>The pitch must be level and have a good playing surface.</p>	<p><u>Pitch and Playing Surface</u></p> <p>The field of play must be rectangular and the length of the touch line must be greater than the length of the goal line. The minimum length is 90m and the minimum width is 45m.</p> <p>The pitch must be level and have a good playing surface.</p>
<p><u>Ground Environs</u></p> <p>A permanent fixed wall/fence with a minimum height of 2 metres (measured from the exterior of the perimeter) be in place to prevent access except through the recognised entrances.</p> <p>Where a deterrent (glass, barbed wire, spikes etc) is placed on the top of the perimeter, it must be a minimum height of 2.4 metres.</p>	<p><u>Ground Environs</u></p> <p>A permanent fixed fence or wall with a minimum height of 2 metres (measured from the exterior of the perimeter) be in place to prevent access except through the recognised entrances.</p> <p>Where a deterrent (glass, barbed wire, spikes etc) is placed on the top of the perimeter, it must be a minimum height of 2.4 metres.</p>	<p><u>Ground Environs</u></p> <p>A permanent fixed fence, wall or natural boundary must be in place to prevent access except through the recognised entrances.</p> <p>Where a deterrent (glass, barbed wire, spikes etc) is placed on the top of a perimeter, it must be a minimum height of 2.4 metres.</p>

<p>Pitch perimeter fences, where utilised, should conform with the Government recommendations as laid down in the 'Guide to Safety at Sports-Grounds' (Green Guide).</p>	<p>Pitch perimeter fences should be put in place in order to enclose the playing surface. Such fences are not required in front of spectator seating areas and must be between 0.8 and 1.1m in height. Such fences must be a fixed wall/fence or single or more bar rail and must be positioned not less than 2.5m from the playing area. An appropriate number of access gates (opening onto the playing area) must be in place at regular intervals in the pitch perimeter fence.</p>	<p>Pitch perimeter fences should be put in place in order to enclose the playing surface. Such fences are not required in front of spectator seating areas and must be between 0.8 and 1.1m in height. Such fences must be a fixed wall/fence or single or more bar rail and must be positioned not less than 2.5m from the playing area. An appropriate number of access gates (opening onto the playing area) must be in place at regular intervals in the pitch perimeter fence.</p>
<p>Ground-sharing may be permitted provided a legal agreement between the clubs is put in place and accepted by the Association's solicitors. Such an agreement must be for a minimum duration of 10 years.</p> <p>Only where a club are undertaking bona-fide ground improvements to their own stadium will groundsharing for a lesser period be considered.</p>	<p>The club must provide written confirmation (via a Local Authority, if relevant) that it has sole control of the ground and its environs on match-days and that only a referee's inspection can be used to declare the pitch unplayable.</p>	<p>The club must provide written confirmation (via a Local Authority, if relevant) that it has sole control of the ground and its environs on match-days and that only a referee's inspection can be used to declare the pitch unplayable.</p>

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<p>A dugout for each team must be provided to accommodate a minimum of eight persons. The front of the dug-out must be at least 2.5 metres from the perimeter of the field of play and a technical area must be clearly marked.</p>	<p>A dugout for each team must be provided to accommodate a minimum of eight persons. The front of the dug-out must be at least 2.5 metres from the perimeter of the field of play and a technical area must be clearly marked.</p>	<p>A dugout for each team must be provided to accommodate a minimum of eight persons. The front of the dug-out must be at least 2.5 metres from the perimeter of the field of play and a technical area must be clearly marked.</p>
<p><u>Access to Ground</u></p> <p>Clubs must provide a minimum of four appropriately positioned turnstiles to afford for the segregation of spectators where necessary</p> <p>Access/egress for players and officials must be provided to ensure there is no interference whilst entering/inside/exiting the ground.</p>	<p><u>Access to Ground</u></p> <p>Clubs must provide a minimum of two appropriately positioned turnstiles to afford for the segregation of spectators where necessary</p> <p>Access/egress for players and officials must be provided to ensure there is no interference whilst entering/inside/exiting the ground.</p>	<p><u>Access to Ground</u></p> <p>Clubs must provide a recognised entrance(s) and demonstrate their ability to collect gate receipts.</p>

<p><u>Exiting Ground</u></p> <p>The exiting capacity must be a minimum of 1.15m per one thousand spectators capacity. However regardless of the capacity of any individual ground a minimum of 2m must be provided for both home supporters and visiting supporters.</p>	<p><u>Exiting Ground</u></p> <p>The exiting capacity must be a minimum of 1.15m per one thousand spectators capacity. However regardless of the capacity of any individual ground a minimum of 2m must be provided for both home supporters and visiting supporters.</p>	<p><u>Exiting Ground</u></p> <p>The exiting capacity must be a minimum of 1.15m per one thousand spectators capacity. However regardless of the capacity of any individual ground a minimum of 2m must be provided for both home supporters and visiting supporters.</p>
<p><u>Spectator Facilities</u></p> <p>The ground must have a minimum approved capacity of 2000 persons. Of this a maximum of 1500 terracing places must be available of which 50% must be covered. A minimum of 500 seats must be available. Only individual seats with backrest will be accepted.</p>	<p><u>Spectator Facilities</u></p> <p>The ground must have a minimum approved capacity of 500 persons. Of this a minimum of 200 covered terracing places must be available of which 100 are seated. Only individual seats will be accepted.</p>	
<p>A minimum of 5 disabled places must be provided and for capacities larger than the minimum the capacities must conform with the recommended disabled provision in sports grounds.</p>	<p>A minimum of 5 disabled places must be provided and for capacities larger than the minimum the capacities must conform with the recommended disabled provision in sports grounds.</p>	

<p>For both home and away supporters a minimum of one male WC, 4 male urinals and one female WC must be provided solely for the use of spectators.</p> <p>Toilet provision must conform with the Event Safety Guide (Purple Guide).</p> <p>A disabled toilet must also be provided but does not need to be specifically for the use of spectators.</p>	<p>A minimum of one male WC, 4 male urinals and one female WC must be provided solely for the use of spectators.</p> <p>Toilet provision must conform with the Event Safety Guide (Purple Guide).</p> <p>A disabled toilet must also be provided but does not need to be specifically for the use of spectators.</p>	
<p>Such a disabled toilet may also be utilised as a male/female spectator toilet provided it is suitably equipped and identified</p> <p>An admission gate for disabled persons, with a minimum width of 1.2m, be provided with ramps, with a smooth gradient, where required.</p>	<p>Such a disabled toilet may also be utilised as a male/female spectator toilet provided it is suitably equipped and identified</p> <p>An admission gate for disabled persons, with a minimum width of 1.2m, be provided with ramps, with a smooth gradient, where required.</p>	
<p><u>Access to Pitch for players and officials</u></p> <p>A protected area/tunnel must be in place to safeguard the access from changing facility to playing area of players and officials.</p>	<p><u>Access to Pitch for players and officials</u></p> <p>A barrier with a minimum height of 1.2m be in place to safeguard the access from changing facility to playing area of players and officials.</p>	<p><u>Access to Pitch for players and officials</u></p> <p>A barrier with a minimum height of 1.0m be in place to safeguard the access from changing facility to playing area of players and officials.</p>

<p><u>Dressing Room Accommodation</u> The changing facilities for players and officials must be within the perimeter of the ground. There must be separate changing rooms for both teams with a minimum surface area of 15sqm. Showering facilities must be integral to the changing room must be a minimum of 4sqm and must have a minimum of 6 showerheads. (Showering area will not be considered for the purposes of calculating changing room surface area). Each changing room must also contain a WC with wash-hand basin and there must be a urinal within close proximity of the changing rooms.</p>	<p><u>Dressing Room Accommodation</u> The changing facilities for players and officials must be within the perimeter of the ground. There must be separate changing rooms for both teams with a minimum surface area of 15sqm. Showering facilities must be integral to the changing room must be a minimum of 2sqm and must have a minimum of 4 showerheads. (Showering area will not be considered for the purposes of calculating changing room surface area). Each changing room must also contain a WC and there must be a urinal within close proximity of the changing rooms.</p>	<p><u>Dressing Room Accommodation</u> The changing facilities for players and officials must be within the perimeter of the ground. There must be separate changing rooms for both teams. Showering facilities must be integral to the changing room and must have a minimum of 4 showerheads for each team.</p>
<p>The referee must have a separate changing room with a minimum surface area of 9sqm. There must be a shower and a WC within the room.</p>	<p>The referee must have a separate changing room with a minimum surface area of 3sqm. There must be a shower and a WC within the room.</p>	<p>The referee must have a separate changing room with a minimum surface area of 3sqm. There must be a shower within the room. The room must be used solely as a referee changing room.</p>
<p>The above dimensions are minimum and are subject to change in line with domestic and UEFA club Licesning policies. Clubs should consult the Association when undertaking modifications to dressing room accommodations.</p>		<p>There must be adequate toilet facilities in the changing room complex.</p>

Changing rooms for players and officials must have adequate heating, be ventilated to outside air, be capable of being secured and be clean and tidy. Furthermore all floor surfaces must be non-slip and showers should be fitted with an appropriate thermostat to ensure that water temperature does not exceed 38 degrees Celsius.	Changing rooms for players and officials must have adequate heating, be ventilated to outside air, be capable of being secured and be clean and tidy. Furthermore all floor surfaces must be non-slip and showers should be fitted with an appropriate thermostat to ensure that water temperature does not exceed 38 degrees Celsius.	Changing rooms for players and officials must have adequate heating, be ventilated to outside air, be capable of being secured and be clean and tidy.
<u>First Aid</u> A first Aid room which is clearly signposted throughout the stadium must be available. First Aid Room to have a minimum surface area of 15sqm. A first aid kit and stretcher must be available at all times.	<u>First Aid</u> A first aid kit and stretcher must be available at all times.	<u>First Aid</u> A first aid kit and stretcher must be available at all times.
<u>Floodlighting</u>	<u>Floodlighting/Reception Room</u>	<u>Floodlighting/Reception Room</u>
Where new floodlighting installations are to be put in place these should be a minimum of 500 Lux measured in the vertical plane. It is expected that all clubs have floodlighting installations of a minimum of 500 Lux measured in the horizontal plane.	Whilst floodlighting or reception facilities are not essential, any teams who aspire to gain promotion to the Senior division must be in a position to install both at short notice.	Whilst floodlighting or reception facilities are not essential, any teams who aspire to gain promotion to the Senior division must be in a position to install both at short notice.
<u>Boardroom/Reception room</u> Clubs must have boardroom facilities available.		

<p><u>Security/Control Room</u></p> <p>A Security/control room for four persons, with a clear view of all seated parts of the stadium, landline telephone and access to the PA system must be available.</p>		
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*** The implementation date of the PIL requirements may be subject to a deferral of one season.**