



PITCHPOWER

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DATA ENTRY SHEET

PITCH INSPECTION

Football



Please note

Ideally everything will be completed on the PitchPower web app itself and not using this form. However, in case this is needed, here's a printout that can be used. You'll still need to input this information and upload the required photos into PitchPower in order to submit your inspection(s).

Write ground name here

Here we'll be taking a look at the condition of your soil and surface. You'll have to take some photos which you will need to upload later, so make sure you have a digital camera or camera phone with you. For some sections you'll have to enter data from three areas of the pitch: Goal Mouth 1, Goal Mouth 2 and the Centre Circle.

PITCH INSPECTIONS

Football

Write pitch name here

We recommend inspecting all of your pitches so you'll need to fill out a separate form for each of the pitches you inspect.

Damaged Areas

Does this pitch have significantly damaged areas?

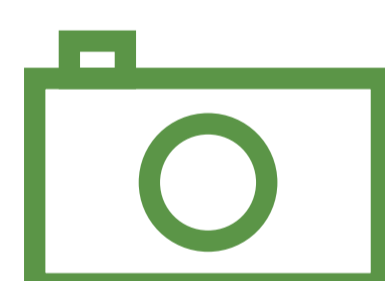
Yes

No

Help

If this pitch has any damaged areas that have a negative effect on play or safety, you can let us know here.

Take photos of the damaged areas.



Take one photo of each damaged area. You'll need to upload these in the PitchPower web app and select the damaged area(s).

Hole(s)

Pests

Moles, rabbits, fox, badgers, chafer grubs, leatherjackets, worms, fusarium, red thread, nematodes, black spot, dollar spot, fairy rings

Vandalism

Surface damage

Disease

Waterlogging/ponding

Other

Please provide a brief description of the damaged areas. Include location and effect on play.

Are your goalposts compliant?

Compliant

They must be made from one of the following materials:

- Compliant metal
- Aluminium
- UPVC

Non-compliant

They cannot:

- Be made of wood
- Be homemade or altered
- Be unstable

What standard are your line markings?

Above standard

Line markings are always clear and straight

Standard

Line markings are always visible but not straight

Below standard

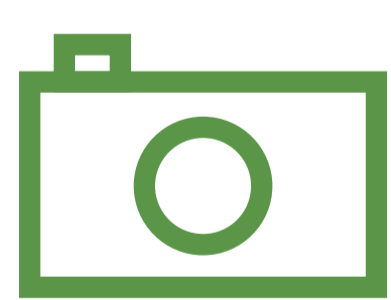
Line markings are not visible or have been applied using a non-standard material e.g. herbicide

Help

A good playing experience relies on line markings being clear, in the correct places and straight. Using the wrong materials to make the markings can have a negative impact on the pitch quality and in some cases is even illegal.

Please take a wide angled image of your pitch

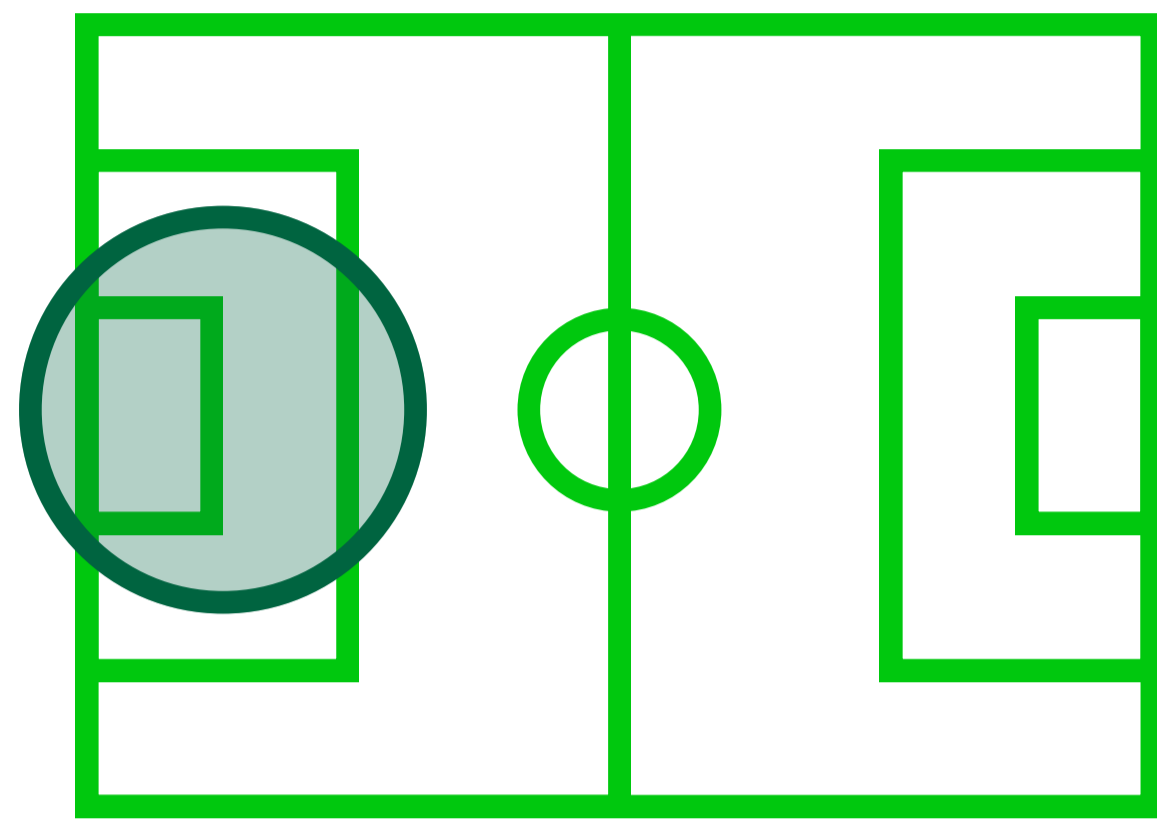
Please take a wide angled image of your pitch to allow us to get a better view of the playing surface. You'll be asked to upload these in the PitchPower web app.



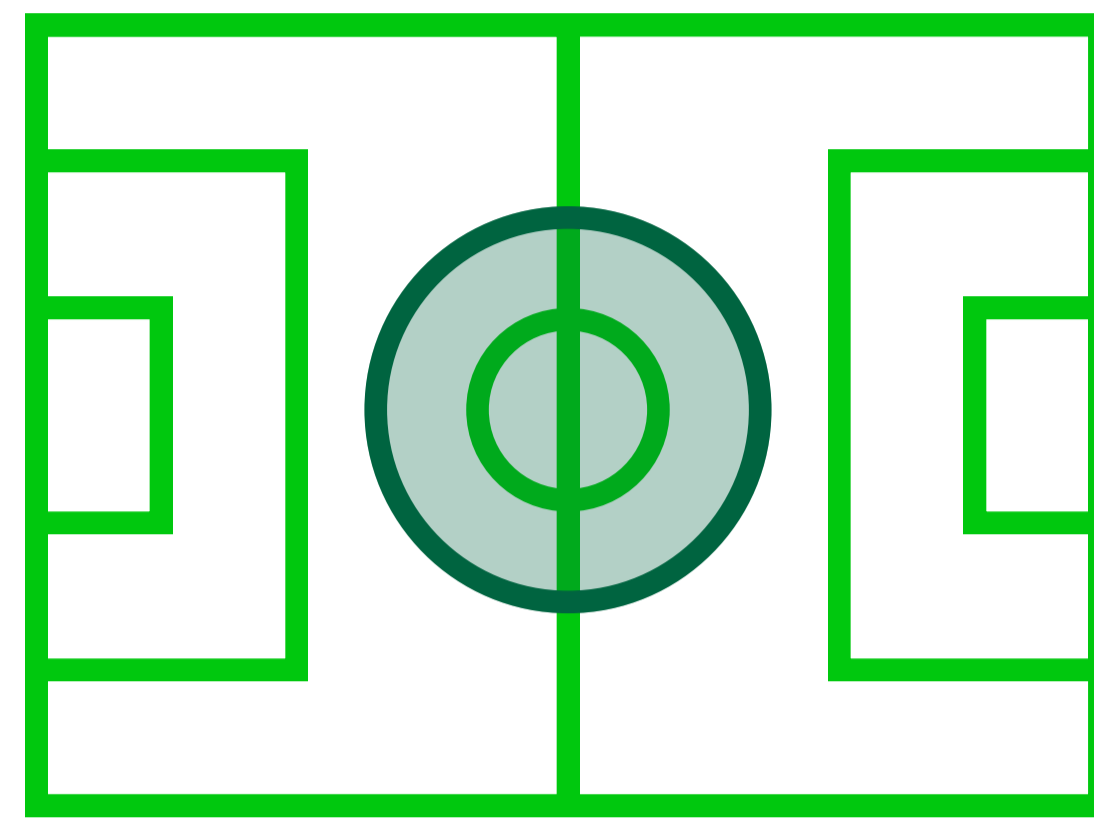
Stand on the goal line and take a wide angled image looking out across your pitch to give us a better understanding of your playing surface.

SPECIFIC LOCATIONS

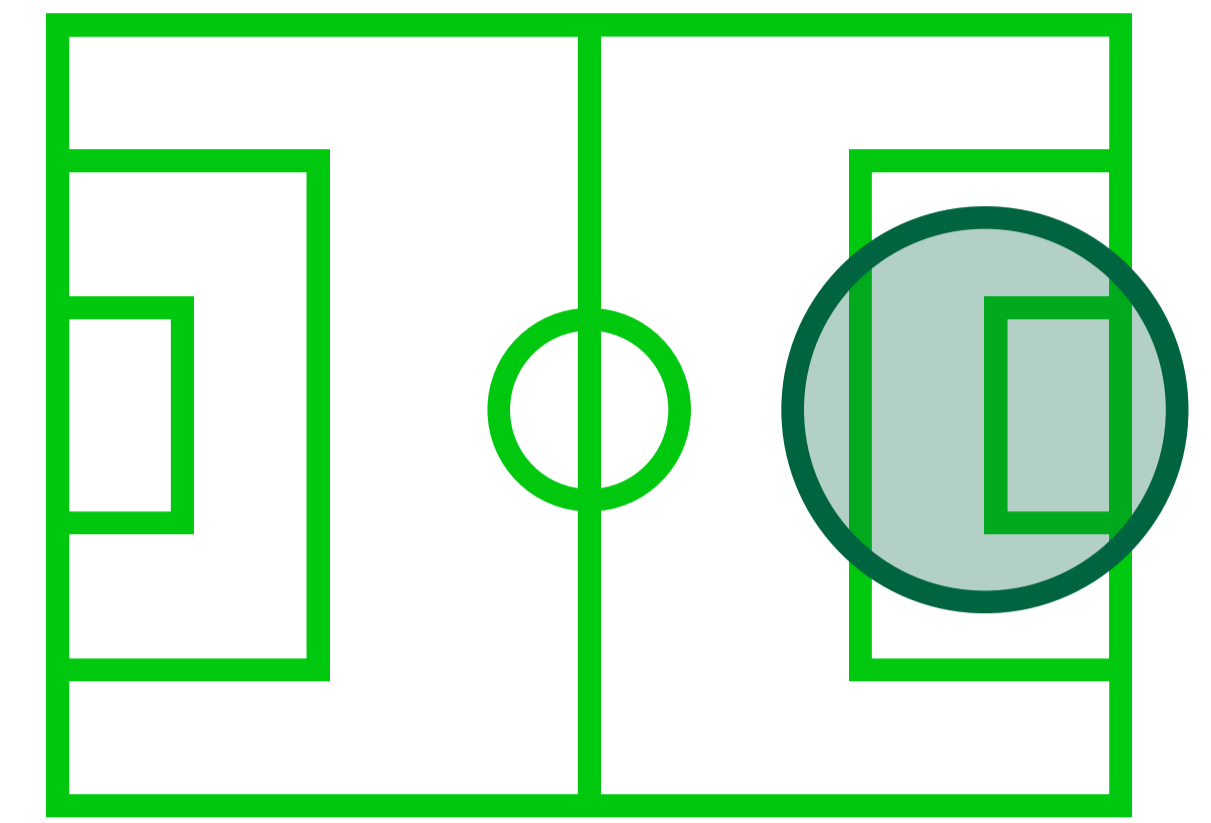
For this section, you'll need to go to three specific positions on the pitch you're inspecting and answer each question, for each position. Please take an image that is representative of the general quality of the goalmouth and not directly in the bare patch the goalkeeper stands as this can misrepresent the quality of the playing surface.



Goal Mouth 1



Centre Circle



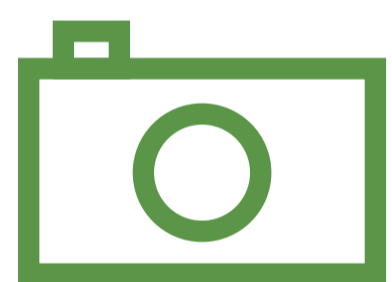
Goal Mouth 2

Grass Profile

How tall is your grass?

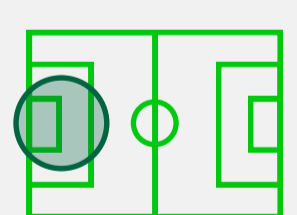
Take a picture of your grass.

You'll be asked to upload this photo and supply the percentage cover of grass and weeds in the PitchPower web app.

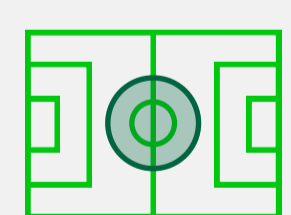


Please take a picture at each of the three locations.

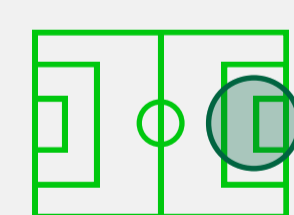
What is the average grass height?



Goal Mouth 1



Centre Circle



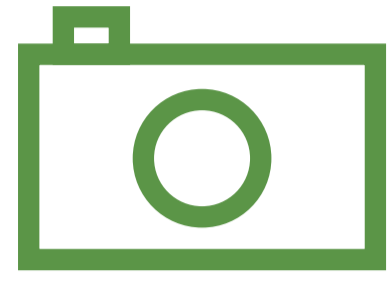
Goal Mouth 2

Help

Using a tape measure, record the height of grass from the base of the plant where it meets the soil to the tip.

Soil Profile

How healthy is your soil profile?



Take a picture of your sample that clearly shows the tape measure.

You'll be asked to upload these in the PitchPower web app.

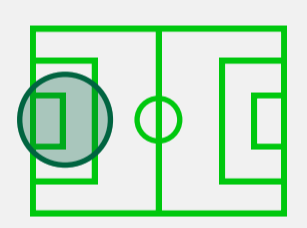
Help

Your soil profile is made up of Topsoil, Thatch, and Roots. A healthy soil profile gives grass stability, strong roots, food, and water.

Use a spade or soil sampler to dig out a section of the pitch approximately 100mm x 100mm wide and 150mm deep.

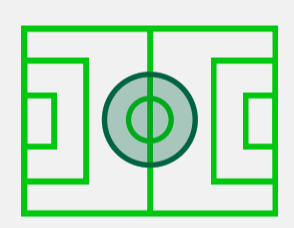
Pick up the soil section that's been dug up and lightly brush away some soil, so you can see the roots. Place it on its side on the grass. Measure from the base of the grass, just where it meets the soil, to the end of the roots.

Measure the topsoil depth



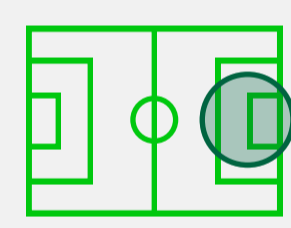
Goal Mouth 1

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Centre Circle

mm



Goal Mouth 2

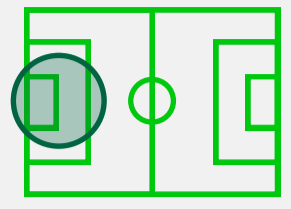
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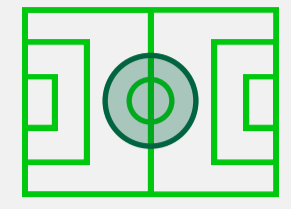
Topsoil is the soil in which grass grows healthily. It'll be approximately the same colour and consistency the whole way through. In order to give you the advice needed to keep it healthy, we need to know how deep it is.

Using your tape measure, measure in millimetres from the top of the Topsoil, to where it ends. You might be lucky enough to only have Topsoil, but if you have a layer below your Topsoil, you'll be able to see a change. This is another technical one, our experts will be able to see detail in your picture, so just do what you can.

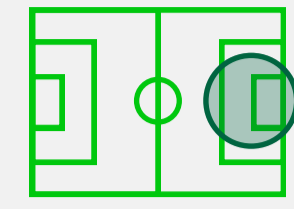
Measure the root depth



Goal Mouth 1



Centre Circle



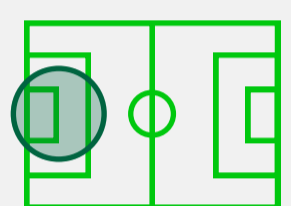
Goal Mouth 2

Help

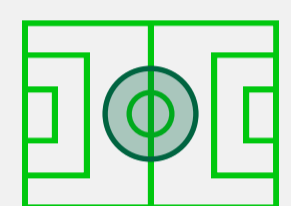
Roots provide the grass with much-needed food and water and also join the grass to the soil. The greater the root depth, the healthier and stronger the grass will be, helping it cope with extremes in weather, as well as wear and tear during the playing season.

Using a tape measure, starting where the soil begins at the base of the grass, measure the roots in millimetres.

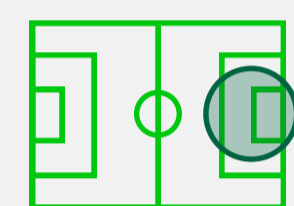
Measure the thatch depth



Goal Mouth 1



Centre Circle



Goal Mouth 2

Help

Thatch is a build-up of organic material that can affect the quality of your pitch. It's a spongy layer that sits between the base of the grass and the soil. Measuring the depth of the Thatch will help us to recommend what's needed to improve it.

With the same soil you used for the root measurement. Using your fingers, and from the side, feel for a spongy layer. It will start where the grass meets the soil. Using your tape measure, measure the depth of this layer.

Once you've finished taking measurements, please pop the soil back in the hole and make sure it's level.

PITCH INSPECTION COMPLETE

After completing this for all your pitches, you'll need to go to the PitchPower web app and fill in the inspection process with the information above.

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