

THE TOWERGATE HALIFAX CRICKET LEAGUE

GROUND ASSESSMENT FORM (2009)

This assessment form has been designed in conjunction with the YCB Yorkshire Cricket Facilities Strategy (2008 – 2013) document in an attempt to make the ground assessment process objective rather than subjective. This will give member clubs targets to work towards when they decide to undertake facilities improvement work. By their very location, some clubs may not be able to achieve “excellent” (or even “good”) in certain categories. This should not dissuade clubs from maximising the quality of their facilities in all areas, including those where physical limitations apply.

Standards will continue to be reviewed and redefined to assist member clubs with continuous development and improvement.

Any club wishing to join the League will normally be expected to reach the “ADEQUATE” standard in all areas UNLESS THERE ARE EXCEPTIONAL CIRCUMSTANCES.

ALL MEMBERS OF THE LEAGUE are expected to achieve at least the “GOOD” standard in all areas in time for the 2010 inspection (i.e. within 5 years of commencement of the amended process in 2005), unless it is physically impossible.

**GROUNDS ARE INSPECTED
AS THEY ARE PRESENTED FOR
REGULAR LEAGUE MATCHES**

1A, 1B, & 1C SQUARE

A. NUMBER OF PITCHES

INADEQUATE

ADEQUATE/GOOD

At least 6 pitches available for regular use by senior teams.

EXCELLENT

At least 9 pitches available for regular use by senior teams.

B. CONDITION OF PITCHES

INADEQUATE

GOOD/EXCELLENT

Pitches are flat with uniform covering of suitable grass (type and length). Ends well maintained with damage repaired soon after use.

C. COVERS

INADEQUATE

ADEQUATE

Covering available for at least one pitch.

GOOD

Easily movable covering available for one pitch and at least 10 yards of run-up at each end.

EXCELLENT

Roll on/off covers available for one pitch and covering for at least 10 yards of run-up at each end.

COMMENTS

2. PLAYING AREA

NOTE. An outfield may be level but not flat, i.e. well rolled (level) but sloping (not flat).

INADEQUATE

ADEQUATE

Outfield with well maintained, level surface free of obstructions and large stones. Boundary clearly marked.

GOOD

At least 35 yards from pitch at centre of square to every boundary. Outfield with well maintained, level surface free of obstructions and large stones. Boundary clearly marked.

EXCELLENT

At least 40 yards from pitch at centre of square to every boundary. Level and flat outfield with well maintained surface free of obstructions and large stones. Boundary clearly marked with maintained ground beyond.

COMMENTS

3. PRACTICE FACILITIES

INADEQUATE

ADEQUATE

Practice takes place on square.

GOOD

Practice takes place on square or artificial pitch near square with netting/cage.

EXCELLENT

Well maintained dedicated grass practice area with netting/cage off the square, or netted/caged artificial practice area off ground or on boundary.

COMMENTS

4. GROUND MAINTENANCE

EQUIPMENT

- 1 Mowing machine (8 blade cylinder)
- 2 6 blade mower for cutting the square
- 3 Self-powered scarifying machine
- 4 Hand scarifier
- 5 Spiking machine (punch-cam type)
- 6 Sorrell spike roller
- 7 Outfield mower
- 8 Levelling lute
- 9 **ACCESS TO** top dressing machine
- 10 Marking out equipment
- 11 Hand roller
- 12 Powered roller (minimum 1 tonne)

INADEQUATE

Ground wholly or partly maintained by source not under control of club.

ADEQUATE

Possess items 2 7 10 and 12.

GOOD

Possess items 2 3 or 4 7 8 9 10 11 and 12.

EXCELLENT

All items.

COMMENTS

5 GROUND SURROUNDS

INADEQUATE

ADEQUATE

Surrounds and all buildings kept tidy. Pavilion available near to playing area.

GOOD

Ground not used for playing area maintained to high standard. All buildings well maintained. Brick/stone or bespoke wooden pavilion from which play can be watched.

EXCELLENT

Ground not used for playing area maintained to high standard. All buildings well maintained and sympathetic to surroundings. Brick/stone or bespoke wooden pavilion from which play can be watched. Boundary of ground defined sympathetically.

COMMENTS

6A & 6B SIGHTSCREENS

NO SIGHTSCREEN DUE TO TOPOGRAPHY

INADEQUATE

ADEQUATE

Well maintained sight screen at each end of the ground unless topography prohibits.

GOOD

Well maintained, easily movable sight screen high enough to cover deliveries from a tall bowler at both ends of the ground.

EXCELLENT

Well maintained, easily moved, sliding sight screen high enough to cover deliveries from a tall bowler at both ends of the ground. A white wall high enough to cover deliveries from a tall bowler running the full length of the square should be considered the equivalent of a sliding screen.

7A & 7B DRESSING ROOMS

INADEQUATE

ADEQUATE

Dressing room with lighting, locking door, one shower per team with hot water, benches or chairs for 11 players, and minimum size of 6 square metres.

GOOD

Dressing room with lighting, locking door, two showers per team with hot water, benches or chairs for 11 players, and minimum size of 9 square metres. Near boundary edge and accessible from field of play, enabling players to watch the match from inside, or just outside, the changing rooms.

EXCELLENT

Dressing room with lighting, locking door, at least two showers per team with hot water, benches or chairs for 11 players, and minimum size of 12 square metres. Near boundary edge and accessible from field of play, enabling players to watch the match from inside, or just outside, the changing rooms.

COMMENTS

ASK. What arrangements are in place or planned for female players?

8 UMPIRES' ROOM

INADEQUATE

ADEQUATE

Defined area for umpires.

GOOD

Dedicated umpires' room with chairs, table, and locking door.

EXCELLENT

Dedicated umpires' room with chairs, table, locking door, and direct access to shower facilities.

COMMENTS

9 SCORE BOX

INADEQUATE

ADEQUATE

Board displaying total, wickets, overs remaining, and first innings score. Details visible from centre of square.

GOOD

Separate, well-maintained, safe facility for scorers with board displaying total, wickets, overs remaining, and first innings score. Details visible from opposite side of ground.

EXCELLENT

Separate, well-maintained, safe facility for scorers with board displaying total, wickets, overs remaining, first innings score, and individual batsmen's scores. All displays easily accessible to, and operable by, scorers. Details visible from opposite side of ground.

COMMENTS

10 CATERING FACILITIES

INADEQUATE

ADEQUATE

Food preparation area with hot and cold running water within reasonable proximity of pavilion and playing area.

GOOD

Defined kitchen area with hot and cold running water, food serving area, and separate indoor dining area within reasonable proximity of pavilion and playing area.

EXCELLENT

Defined, fitted kitchen area with hot and cold running water, food serving area, and separate indoor dining area within reasonable proximity of pavilion and playing area. Sufficient space to provide seated meals for 30 people at once. Equipment to produce hot meals.

COMMENTS

11 SEATING

NOTE. Where temporary seating is available, do not include in the assessment.

INADEQUATE

ADEQUATE

Well-maintained, defined permanent seating for 50 people.

GOOD

Well-maintained, defined permanent seating for 100 people.

EXCELLENT

Well-maintained, defined permanent seating for 150 people.

COMMENTS

Is temporary seating available for major games e.g. finals?

12 TOILETS

INADEQUATE

ADEQUATE

At least one flushing toilet, hand basin with running water, and drying facilities available to players and spectators.

GOOD

At least one flushing toilet, hand basin with running water, and drying facilities available to players and spectators on a sex basis.

EXCELLENT

At least two flushing toilets, hand basin with running water, and drying facilities available to female players and spectators, and at least one flushing toilet, further urinal(s), hand basin with running water, and drying facilities available to male players and spectators.

COMMENTS

13 PARKING

INADEQUATE

ADEQUATE

Defined parking within or near ground for 20 cars.

GOOD

Defined parking within or near ground for 50 cars.

EXCELLENT

Defined parking within or near ground for 75 cars.

COMMENTS

14 ADMINISTRATION

All appropriate notices (EL/PL certificate, names of First Aiders, details of Child Welfare Officer, ECB list of posts to be CRB checked, Spirit of Cricket) displayed in clubroom and/or dressing rooms.

YES NO

Telephone always available to contact emergency services.

YES NO

Adequately stocked First Aid kit always available.

YES NO

Self Declaration Forms, HCL team cards, HCL result sheets, and Courier Sheets available.

YES NO

Sunday Section match report forms available

YES NO N/A

COMMENTS

15 DEVELOPMENT

Does the club hold Club Mark?

YES NO

If NO, is the club working towards accreditation?

YES NO

Does the club have a Development Plan covering its organisation and facilities?

YES NO

IF YES, does the Development Plan include the improvement of facilities to "GOOD" where they have been identified as below this level?

YES NO

Developments since last ground inspection, and plans for future developments (short and long term).

**ANY OTHER COMMENTS ON THE
FACILITIES**