

GROUND AND FACILITIES REPORT

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1 INTRODUCTION

1.1 Purpose

This document has been written for two purposes.

Firstly, to document the evidence that the Alton Cricket Club has met or has actions in place to meet the minimum facilities requirements for ground and youth development as specified by Southern Premier Cricket League (SPL) Management Committee in the Administrative Rules, Section 8

Secondly, to document any general improvements that the Alton Cricket Club requires and the actions required to implement them.

1.2 Scope

The Alton Cricket Club is situated at the Jubilee Playing Fields, on Northfields Lane, Alton. The building facilities used by the Alton Cricket Club includes the Harry Baker Pavillion and the adjacent Alton Cricket Club Room and Patio. The Harry Baker Pavillion is owned by the Town Council and includes the changing room facilities, toilet facilities and the kitchen and tea room. The Alton Cricket Club Room, owned by the club, has a bar and seating and an external patio that looks out to the playing fields.

The playing fields are owned by the Town Council. There is one artificial pitch in the centre of the playing fields that the Alton Cricket Club use as their practice facilities. The centre square has a minimum of 8 turf pitches available for match day games.

1.3 Structure of Report

The report has three main sections. Section 2 documents the Southern Premier League requirements and the current status achieved by the Alton Cricket Club. Section 3 documents the recommendations that need to be investigated and implemented for accreditation to the SPL 'Gold' league. Section 4 documents the general recommendations to improve the grounds and facilities that are non- accreditation specific.

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2 SOUTHERN PREMIER LEAGUE REQUIREMENT SUMMARY

2.1 Introduction

The Southern Premier League (SPL) has requirements in place for the quality of Grounds and Facilities for all clubs that are within League. The SPL use these requirements to accredit all clubs within the league. There are 3 accreditation levels that correspond to the 3 divisions within the league, Gold, Silver and Bronze.

Clubs aspiring to be promoted must meet the criteria of the higher grade by 1st August prior to promotion. The criteria must also be met by 1st August in subsequent years. Clubs not meeting the criteria for their current Division by 1st August will be at risk of relegation.

2.2 Accreditation

The Alton Cricket Club is currently accredited to Silver/Bronze Level as of 1 August 2004.

Table 1 below states the SPL minimum requirements and shows evidence of Alton Cricket Clubs compliance with the requirements. It also states the recommended actions that the Alton Cricket Club need to investigate and implement to be accredited with 'Gold' level status.

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Clubs aspiring to be promoted must meet the criteria of the higher grade by 31 August prior to promotion. The criteria must also be met by 31 August in subsequent years. Clubs not meeting the criteria for their current Division by 31 August will be at risk of relegation.			
NOTE: Any new club wishing to enter the SEPCL must give proof of a minimum of 15 years tenure of their Club and Ground			
G = Gold S = Silver B = Bronze M = Mandatory O = Optional but desirable	G	S	B
Pitch must be suitable for 120 overs	M	M	M
Specification for preparation of the pitch must be under the club's control	M	M	M
Decisions on the fitness of the ground for play, prior to the arrival of the match umpires, must be under the club's control	M	M	M
The ground must be secured against incursion of free roaming livestock.	M	M	M
Pitch must not have been artificially watered within 48 hours before a match	M	M	O
Square should be cut within 2 days before a match	M	M	M
The outfield must be closely mown with no noticeable grass cuttings and weeds	M	M	M
The outfield must have no holes, ruts or any other hazardous obstructions	M	M	M
The boundary should be marked clearly with a rope or white line or equivalent with markers approximately 20 yards apart placed immediately on the outer edge of the boundary line.	M	M	M
The boundary must be no less than 50 yards and no more than 90 yards from the nearer middle stump on the match pitch. For clarification; a minimum of five individual match pitches, on a single cricket square with this measurement, must be available for use throughout the season.	M*	O	O
When applicable, fielding circles will be indicated as per the playing regulations. Discs can be obtained from the League	M	M	M
Creases shall be remarked between innings and lunch and tea intervals where applicable	M	M	M
Covers must be available to protect an area of at least 80 feet by 12 feet during an prior to match	M	M	O
Fit for purpose Double Sightscreens or approved equivalent must be provided at both ends, in good condition and situated outside the boundary	M	M	M*

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Single sightscreens must be provided at both ends, in good condition and situated outside the boundary			M
A light and heavy roller (minimum 1 ton) must be available for use during the match	M	M	O
A large working clock must be sited so that it can be seen from the playing area	M	M	M
A bell, to allow umpires to signal the start and resumption of play must be provided	M	M	O
Two artificial or grass nets must be available prior to the game on match days	M	M	O
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Separate and secure changing rooms must be provided for visiting teams	M	M	M
Changing rooms must be to SEPL recommended minimum size with suitable seating and area for equipment	M	O	O
Changing rooms must have a mirror and at least one hook per player for clothes	M	O	O
Separate and secure accommodation must be provided for umpires of a similar standard to players	M	M	O
Separate and secure accommodation must be provided for umpires			M
Adequate clean and hygienic showers must be available and convenient for private access by players and umpires	M	M	O
Adequate clean and hygienic showers must be available for the use of players and umpires			M
A well-stocked First Aid Box must be easily accessible at all times for treatment of minor injuries	M	M	M
A person qualified in First Aid should be available whenever possible	O	O	O
The ground surrounds should be well maintained and suitable measures taken to ensure lost balls do not delay play	M	M	O
A ground not enclosed by security fencing, shall be adequately roped off to protect the square at times when not in use	M	M	M
The kitchen shall meet all legal health and safety requirements	M	M	O
Where a kitchen exists it shall meet all legal health and safety requirements			M

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Team sheets should be available for spectators or on display in a convenient location	M	O	O
A scoreboard must be provided with numbers showing, at least, Total, Wickets, Overs, and First Innings Total	M	O	O
A scoreboard or sheltered area must be provided for official scorers with numbers showing, at least, Total, Wickets, Overs & First Innings Total		M	M
Telephone facilities must be available and in working order	M	M	M
Clean and hygienic male and female toilets must be available and meet all legal requirements	M	M	M
Toilet access for spectators must be consistent with the security and private requirements of players and umpires	M	M	M
All toilet facilities should take into account the needs of people with disabilities	M	O	O