

**NORTH BERKS FOOTBALL LEAGUE**  
**MANDATORY GROUNDS AND FACILITIES CRITERIA FOR CLUBS BELOW**  
**DIVISION ONE (in addition to the requirement of NB Rule 10, conditions of play)**

1. Clubs shall have the sole use of their ground and facilities at all times between 1 September and 30 April, unless sharing with other organisations (eg cricket) when a prior agreement must be negotiated with the Council.
2. (a) A clean, tidy and adequate sized dressing room shall be provided for teams, each room to have a separate door access (the rooms or the total dressing room area shall be locked during match play); showering facilities (minimum of four shower-heads) shall be available.  
  
(b) The referee shall be provided with a clean and tidy individual dressing room (of adequate size) and shall have a separate door access (the room or total dressing room area shall be locked during match play) - this dressing room shall have a separate showering facility or a separate shower facility somewhere within the changing room area.  
  
(c) All dressing rooms shall be adequately heated (when necessary) and ventilated.
3. The playing area shall be of an acceptable standard and be kept as flat as possible and in the best possible condition by virtue of cutting, rolling and harrowing etc as necessary.
4. First Aid equipment, as set down under the Health and Safety equipment Guidance Notes, and a first aid attendant ( Qualified as set down by the Health & Safety Executive ) must be available on match days.
5. Clubs shall at all times comply with the Local Authority Statutory Requirements, Health & Safety Acts, Fire and Police Requirements. All aspects of the ground must be kept tidy, well painted and free from debris or fire risk. Litterbins should be fitted in appropriate places and emptied when necessary.
6. A **clean and tidy** toilet for players, officials and members of the public shall be available on match days. (It is not necessary to have separate ladies and gents toilets.)
7. The home club shall supply simple refreshments to the visiting team and referee at the half time interval.

Member Club grounds of the North Berks League below Division One must meet this Ground Criteria by the 2008/2009 season.

Grounds of Clubs who apply for membership of the North Berks League must meet this Criterion with immediate effect, before the North Berks Council could recommend membership to member clubs at the A.G.M.