

NORTH BERKS FOOTBALL LEAGUE

MANDATORY GROUNDS AND FACILITIES CRITERIA FOR CLUBS IN DIVISION ONE AND CLUBS EXPECTING PROMOTION TO 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 and tidy, 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.

(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. Clubs are required to provide separate toilet facilities, maintained to a good standard of hygiene for gents and ladies.
5. The home club is responsible for providing appropriate refreshments for teams and the referee at half-time. After the match a refreshment room or Social Club (or equivalent) shall be available.
6. First Aid equipment, as set down under the Health and Safety equipment Guidance Notes, and a qualified first aid attendant must be available on match days.
7. 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.

Clubs in Division One, and Clubs hoping to be promoted into Division One, must be able to comply with all the above criteria.

ADDITIONAL CRITERIA FOR CLUBS WISHING TO PROGRESS IN THE FA PYRAMID SYSTEM (for full details contact the appropriate League Secretary)

The playing area shall be fully enclosed by a barrier, either of permanent railings or removable ropes, positioned not less than 1.85m from the goal/touchline and be a minimum height of 1m. All substitutes, club officials and spectators will remain outside the barrier