



OXFORDSHIRE YOUTH FOOTBALL LEAGUE

Artificial pitches

Rules on use of artificial pitches

According to FA rules, artificial pitches can be used for OYFL matches but only if they meet the regulations set by the FA/FIFA. In the League rules, under rule 20 (A) the relevant paragraph is:

“Football Turf Pitches (3G) are allowed in this Competition provided they meet the required performance standards and are listed on the FA’s Register of Football Turf Pitches. All Football Turf Pitches used must be tested (by a FIFA accredited test institute) every three years and the results passed to The FA. The FA will give a decision on the suitability for use and add the pitch to the Register.”

NOTE:
If an artificial pitch is not listed on the FA's register, then it cannot be used for matches in the League.
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FA Artificial Pitch Register



Artificial pitches on the register in our area include:

Facility	Pitch registered	Local Authority
Aylesbury RFC	1 full size	Aylesbury Vale
Mandeville School	1 full size	Aylesbury Vale
Tilsley Park – Full Pitch	1 full size	Vale of White Horse
Carterton Leisure Centre	1 full size	West Oxfordshire
GLL - Witney Artificial Turf Pitch	1 full size	West Oxfordshire
Oxford City FC (Training Pitch)	1 full size	Oxford City Council
Oxford City FC Stadium Pitch	1 full size	Oxford City Council
Oxford RFC	1 full size	South Oxfordshire
The Oxford Academy	1 full size	Oxford City Council
Whitelands Farm Sports Ground	1 full size	Cherwell

Table 1. Registered artificial pitches in League area

Please check the register for the most up-to-date information.

To view the full FA register, click





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Footwear

The default surface for pitches used by teams in the OYFL is grass and players will have appropriate footwear for that. Teams using an artificial turf pitch for any home games should inform the opposition that it is an artificial surface, including the type of surface, and the type of footwear, e.g. football boots, that should be worn when sending out their fixture confirmation to the visiting team.

Oxford City FC have a standing instruction that all players, managers and coaches and match officials should wear standard football boots when on the 3G surface, on both their main stadium pitch and their training pitch and that parents should stay off the 3G surface.

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