

Lancashire and Cheshire AFL Guidance for hiring 3/4G pitches

Attached is a list of FA approved 3G & 4G venues which have previously been used by clubs in our League. This is not an exhaustive list and further venues can be found by searching FA 3G pitch Register on www.footballfoundation.org.uk

This applies particularly to the North East Cheshire and South East Lancs areas.

Please remember, whichever pitch you choose to use it must comply with the pitch standards required by the league in respect of the following:

- Surface integrity (i.e. no damaged areas of turf or trip hazards)
- Pitch size (min 64yds x 100yds)
- Adequacy of 'run off' and standing areas (these should provide adequate clearance to move other equipment into. i.e. 5-a-side goals)
- Changing facilities (separate changing and showering for both teams and separate referee's room with shower)

The League acknowledges that there are certain companies and individuals in our League area who will arrange the hire of 3G or 4G pitches, especially at short notice and in times of inclement weather.

However, clubs need to be aware, that when hiring pitches arranged by these bodies you will almost certainly pay a premium over and above the cost of hiring direct from the venue themselves.

In addition, Clubs should also ensure the following issues are covered when hiring pitches through such an intermediary:

- That the pitch offered is on the FA Register of Artificial Pitches.
- That the pitch complies with the requirements of the League in respect of size, run off areas and changing facilities for both teams and referee
- That all of the necessary contractual agreements between the hirer and the pitch venue are in place.
- That the hirer has put in place all of the necessary arrangements in respect of insurance and risk assessments required for the renting of the pitch.
- That your clubs' own insurances are not affected in any way by sub-letting arrangements being adopted for the pitch hire.

As we feel that the pitch costs undertaken with these intermediaries are inflated, the League reserves the right to withdraw its offer of paying half of the pitch fee, should you still wish to book a pitch through one of them.