| **Text  Description automatically generated**  **Natural Turf Pitch Inspection Form** | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
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| **Club** | |  | | | | | | | | | | | | **League** | |  | |
| **Match** | |  | | | | | | | | | | | | **Date** | |  | |
| **Pitch Inspection checklist** | **Wet Pitch** | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| Visual inspection - surface water puddles | | | | | Walk on -squelchy under foot | | | | Comments | | | | | | | |
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| **Dry Pitch** | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| Visual inspection - poor grass coverage - greater than 10% bare patches or weeds | | | | | | Walk on - feels hard with uneven or rutted surface | | | Comments | | | | | | | |
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| **Frozen Pitch** | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| Visual inspection - frost on surface | | | | Walk on -feels hard underfoot | | | Garden fork test | | | Comments | | | | | | |
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| **Snow** | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| Visual inspection -more than dusting of snow | | | Walk on -feels hard underfoot | | | | Garden fork test | | | Comments | | | | | | |
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| **Inspected by (Groundsman, Official, Coach)** | | | |  | | | | | | | | | Signature | | |  | |
| **Agreed by (Official, Coach, Club Secretary)** | | | |  | | | | | | | | | Signature | | |  | |
| **Game called off due to:** | | | Wet Pitch | | | | | | Dry Pitch | | | | | | Frozen Pitch | | Snow |
| **Guidance**   * **Walk-on and visual inspections should be carried out across all 10 areas as illustrated** * **The Pitch Inspection should be carried out two hours prior to a match or before the visiting teams departs for the game – whichever is the sooner** * **Good healthy grass coverage is essential to reduce the cancellation of games in dry weather. There should be no more than 10% bare areas** * **Soil compaction can contribute significantly to poor drainage problems** | | | | | | | | | | | | **Garden Fork Test**   |  |  |  |  |  | | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | | **1** | **3** | **5** | **7** | **9** | | **2** | **4** | **6** | **8** | **10** |  * **Hold garden fork with outstretched arm at shoulder height and release** * **If fork penetrates the surface = fit to play** * **If fork does not penetrate surface = NOT fit to play** | | | | | |