



Hockey Pitches and Facilities

A guide to installing hockey pitches and associated facilities

Introduction

This Guide provides information about the things to consider when installing or perhaps upgrading a hockey pitch. It provides guidance and does not necessarily include detailed specifications for all the pitch and surrounding requirements. An important starting point for a project of this sort is collecting as much information and advice as possible. We comment on this in the opening section.

The handbook is sub-divided into a number of self-contained sub-sections for easy reference. As a result, there is an element of duplication when the document is read in full.

Some of the sections will not be relevant in some cases. The extent to which material in each section is relevant will also vary. Much will depend on the intended use of the facility.

This Guide assumes that a synthetic turf is used for the pitch concerned. However, some of the contents also apply to natural grass facilities.

Hockey is a fast and exciting game so the facilities it requires develop and change especially in relation to synthetic turf. This Guide will therefore be updated from time to time. Any changes made from one edition to another will be shown with a line in the margin. In addition, an annex provides a record of the major changes made

The Guide has been produced for distribution via downloading from the worldhockey website. However, a paper copy can be printed and mailed by the FIH office on request.

Feedback on the value and effectiveness of this Guide is invited from members of the hockey community who have used or referred to it. Suggestions on how to improve its content for future issues are welcome.

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