

Droylsden Academy, Ashton Under Lyne, Manchester

Maintenance

Mowing:

- ♦ Maintain the pitch at a maximum height of 40-50mm during establishment using cylinder / rotary mowers. Never allow the grass to exceed a height of 70mm, reducing down to 35mm upon establishment and carry out mowing with cylinder mowers.

Weed Control:

- ♦ Apply selective herbicide two weeks after the spring feed if required, during establishment.

Fertiliser:

- ♦ 9:7:7 @ 350kg/ha in April
- ♦ 12:6:6 to be supplied in Summer, do not apply in drought conditions or to compliment renovation works
- ♦ 14:4:14 (with at least 50% slow release N) @ 350kg/ha in mid-late August

Aeration:

- ♦ Carry out spiking in the early part of the Autumn, to keep the surface open, to aid surface percolation and to aerate the profile.
- ♦ Repeat in a dry spell of weather in mid winter.

Repairs:

Apply divot mix containing seed and rootzone to scars on a regular basis during playing season.

Monitor sward for disease throughout the year and treat accordingly.

During establishment it is important to ensure that competition from weeds is not excessive as it will compromise the sward development.

Landscaping - Turfing - Sports Surface Preparation - Fencing - All Grounds Maintenance



End of Season Renovations

- ◆ Carry out spiking in the early part of the season to a maximum depth of 125mm to keep the surface open, to aid surface percolation and to aerate the profile.
- ◆ Over seed at 350kg/ha with an appropriate sports turf over seeder using high quality sports turf cultivars of perennial ryegrass.
- ◆ Top dress pitches with 80tons per pitch - based on 5,000m².
- ◆ Repair badly worn goal mouths by seeding @ 500kg/ha and working into a soil tilth.
- ◆ Due to the fact these pitches are of soil base construction, it is important that the surface is kept open at all times to aid surface drainage.