

Cherwell Cricket League

Grounds and Facilities Standards

2023

Introduction

All clubs want to be able to play at venues with the best facilities possible. However, it is recognised that clubs are all very different and the opportunities to improve may be limited in different ways.

The league Grounds and Facilities Standards document sets out the desired and required standards for the various tiers. They are largely aspirational but do require clubs to do whatever is reasonably possible to work towards them.

In extreme cases, the league may stipulate that reasonable improvement is required and an appropriate timeframe and action plan will be agreed to work towards this.

The league is here to help, in terms of interest-free loans, direction to funding opportunities and throwing their weight behind clubs who need their help developing at venues where landowners are not supportive.

As part of the CCL/OCA amalgamation, all clubs will be placed in their respective tiers based upon their playing standard, irrespective of their grounds and facilities standards. If a club is placed in Tier 4 for 2021, then gets relegated, they will be able to gain promotion back to Tier 4, assuming their grounds and facilities standards have not changed for the worse.

If however the club's facilities do not meet the requirements for Tier 3, they may be denied promotion to this level until the facilities are brought up to the minimum standard, or a comprehensive, timed and costed plan to achieve this is presented to the League Management Committee.

This is a non-exhaustive list and will be reviewed from season to season and in the first couple of seasons the league will look at individual clubs on a case to case basis.

Any changes to this framework will be communicated well in advance, to allow clubs to manage the financing and implementation of projects over a number of years.

The standards are laid out below and are categorised as follows:

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| Gold Standard | What clubs could be aspiring to, in the top Tiers or above |
| Silver Standard | What clubs should have or be working towards at their relevant Tier |
| Bronze Standard | What clubs must be providing at their relevant Tier |
| Ground Standards | |

Category	Criteria	1-3	4-5	6-7	8
Pitch	Able to support games of given no. of overs	100	100	90	80
	True, safe and predictable bounce	Must	Must	Should	Should
	Predictable bounce & carry throughout the match	Must	Must	Should	Should
	No excessive spin or movement off the seam	Must	Must	Should	Should
	Correctly marked, including wide lines in dark paint	Must	Must	Must	Must
	Swept and remarked between innings	Must	Must	Should	Should
Square	Well maintained and in good condition	Must	Must	Must	Must
	Cut before each match	Must	Must	Must	Must
	Previously used wickets made good/safe	Must	Must	Must	Must
Outfield	Well maintained	Must	Must	Must	Must
	Well drained	Should	Should	Should	Should
	Closely mown with no noticeable grass cuttings	Must	Must	Should	Should
	No holes*, ruts or other hazards. (*must be filled)	Must	Must	Must	Must
Boundary	Clearly marked (line or rope) & markers every 20 yds	Must	Must	Must	Must
	Minimum 40 yards (measured as per 30 yd circle)	Must	Should	Could	Could
Sight Screens	No. of screens provided at both ends of the ground	2	2	1	1
	Suitable size, good condition and easy to move	Must	Must	Must	Should
	Positioned before start of play	Must	Must	Must	Must
	Completely outside the boundary (movable rope)	Must	Must	Must	Must
Scoring Area	Type of dedicated area, protected from elements	Must	Must	Should	Should
	• Score Box	Must	Must	Must	Must
	• Gazebo	Must	Must	Must	Must
	• Indoor area	Must	Must	Must	Must
	• etc.	Must	Should	Should	Could
	Manual - numbers accessible and in working order	Must	Must	Must	Must
	Electronic - operating instructions readily available	Must	Must	Must	Must
	Electricity available	Must	Must	Should	Should
	WiFi available	Must	Should	Should	Should
	Visible from pavilion / players viewing area	Must	Must	Must	Must
Covers	Adequate covers available to cover pitch	Dome	Dome	Sheet	Sheet
	Adequate covers available to bowler run-ups	Must	Should	Should	Could
	Sawdust / towels available	Must	Must	Must	Must
	Mop up machine in good condition available	Should	Should	Should	Should
	Creases re-marked at rain intervals if requested	Should	Should	Should	Should
Rollers	Roller available for use during match	Should	Should	Should	Should
	Light and heavy rollers available	Should	Should	Should	Should
Surrounds	Well maintained	Should	Should	Should	Should
	Ground clearly signed	Should	Should	Should	Should
	Seating for spectators in good condition	Should	Should	Should	Should
Car Parking	Adequate on site or very nearby parking available	Should	Should	Should	Should
	Car park and approaches in good condition	Should	Should	Should	Should
Nets	Net available for each side before the match	Must	Should	Could	Could
	Nets regularly maintained and safe	Must	Must	Must	Must

Facility Standards

Category	Criteria	1-3	4-5	6-7	8
Changing	Separate facilities for visiting team	Must	Must	Must	Must
	Separate facilities for female players	Should	Should	Should	Should
	Separate facilities for under 18 players	Should	Should	Should	Should
	Maintained in a good clean condition	Must	Must	Must	Must
	Adequate size and facilities	Must	Should	Should	Should
	Suitable security and privacy	Must	Must	Must	Must
	Easy access from playing area	Must	Must	Should	Should
Showers	Showers clean, hygienic and with suitable privacy	Must	Must	Must	Must
	Minimum 4 communal or 2 per changing room	Should	Should	Should	Should
	Both Male and Female facilities available	Should	Should	Should	Should
Toilets	Toilets clean, hygienic and with suitable facilities	Must	Must	Must	Must
	Both Male and Female facilities available	Must	Must	Must	Must
	Separate public toilets	Should	Should	Should	Should
	If no public toilets, then accessible by spectators	Must	Must	Must	Must
Umpires	Separate and secure room	Must	Must	Should	Should
	Adequate size and facilities	Must	Must	Should	Should
	Maintained in a good clean condition	Must	Must	Should	Should
	Private access to showers	Should	Should	Should	Should
Hospitality	Meal areas adequate and in good condition	Must	Must	Must	Must
	Adequate bar facilities	Should	Should	Could	Could
	Bar staffed and open	Could	Could	Could	Could
Kitchen	Separate room for food preparation	Should	Should	Should	Should
	Clean, hygienic and meets legal requirements	Must	Must	Must	Must
	Adequate crockery and cutlery in good condition	Should	Should	Should	Should
	Suitable storage and food preparation facilities	Should	Should	Should	Should
First Aid	Well stocked first aid box available	Must	Must	Must	Must
	Qualified first aider available	Must	Must	Must	Must
General	Phone (with signal) available for emergencies	Must	Must	Must	Must
	Public telephone in working order	Could	Could	Could	Could
	Large working clock suitably sited/read from square	Must	Must	Must	Must
	Bell available to signal start and resumption of play	Could	Could	Could	Could
	Seating area for players use	Should	Should	Should	Should