

## **Terms & Conditions of 3G Pitch Hire**

### **1. Bookings:**

- i. All hirers and users of Ballymacash Sports Academy (BSA) are subject to the Terms and Conditions of Hire and Use as shall be laid down from time to time.
- ii. Those wishing to book the facilities must register with the official booking portal on Pitchbooking.com. No activity can commence until official email confirmation of the booking is received by the applicant person/group from Ballymacash Sports Academy's booking portal Pitchbooking.com.
- iii. Pre-booked pitches may not be transferred by the hirer to any other person/group.
- iv. The contact person(s) named in the Online Form/Group Booking Form will be the person with whom all official communication from Ballymacash Sports Academy will take place. If there are any changes in the details of the group organiser/contact person, the BSA Facility Manager must be informed immediately by email.
- v. The person named in the booking will be the person responsible for the group, including full payment of the facility before playing (if required), behaviour of those attending the booking, and adherence to the terms and conditions of hire and use of the facility.
- vi. Groups/Users are responsible for ensuring there are no unaccompanied children on the pitch during their period of rental.
- vii. Groups/Users are responsible for locking the pitch after use.
- viii. The person named in the booking will be held responsible for any loss or damage to the pitch if the terms and conditions are breached.
- ix. All bookings include the time required to prepare, erect, dismantle and remove equipment.
- x. Bookings for children under 18 years of age must be booked and supervised by a person aged 18 or over. There is a separate approval process for regular bookings of sports clubs and youth groups to ensure compliance with child welfare policies and BSA aims and objectives.
- xi. In the event that Ballymacash Rangers FC or Lisburn Ladies FC are scheduled a competitive mid-week fixture by the NI Football League, Irish FA or Co. Antrim FA it will be necessary to rearrange pre-booked sessions. The Management will endeavour to provide as much notice as possible and will refund payments if required.

## **2. Cancellation Policy:**

- i. A minimum of 48 hours' notice of a cancellation must be given to Ballymacash Sports Academy.
- ii. Failure to do this, or failure to show on the given hire time for the booking, will result in the group being charged for the hire of the facility.
- iii. All bookings that have paid by Credit Card and are due a refund, will be refunded, less 5% booking fee, by credit card.

## **3. Weather:**

- i. If the pitches are unplayable Ballymacash Sports Academy reserves the right to close the pitches. If this happens every effort will be made to contact the groups directly.

## **4. State of Premises:**

- i. No items should be taken on to the pitch except those needed to play the activity for which the facility was booked. Drinks, tracksuit tops etc. should be left at the side in the interests of user safety.
- ii. Footwear must consist of either moulded football boots for Firm Ground (FG), Artificial Ground (AG) or Hard Ground (HG).
- iii. Soft Ground (SG) Screw in studs, metal studs, indoor flat soles and bladed boots are strictly prohibited.
- iv. No glass containers or bottles are allowed in or around the pitch area.
- v. Smoking is not permitted in any area on or around the 3G pitch except in designated areas.
- vi. Chewing gum is not allowed in any area in or around the pitches.
- vii. All jewellery should be removed before playing in the interests of player safety.
- viii. Alcohol or drugs are not allowed on the pitch and no person who is in the opinion of the Management under the influence of alcohol or drugs will be admitted or allowed on the pitch facility.
- ix. Money/valuables should be left in a safe area and not in an open area on view at any time.
- x. Management accepts no responsibility for items lost/stolen on the premises or grounds, or for any loss, damage, or injury occurring in or in the vicinity of the pitch, or for any injuries to persons participating in any activity in or on its facilities.

- xi. Any damage done to facilities, property, or equipment, fair wear and tear excepted, must be made good by the individual, group, club, or organisation responsible for the damage.
- xii. Climbing on the nets or fencing, swinging from crossbars or any other behaviour likely to lead to damage to the facility/equipment, or injury is forbidden and will lead to immediate expulsion from the facility.
- xiii. Only Park in designated parking spaces.

#### **5. Code of Conduct:**

- i. Persons using the facility must be attired according to their intended activity.
- ii. No activity, which could be misconstrued or give offence to other patrons, or to surrounding neighbours, will be permitted.
- iii. Special consideration must be given to neighbours and children living near the facility. No excessive noise, anti-social behaviour or general nuisance will be tolerated, and offending users will be removed. This includes the use of foul or abusive language.
- iv. Supervising personnel must be obeyed at all times during the hire. They are responsible for ensuring compliance with the Terms and Conditions of Hire and Use and have the authority to remove users from the facility. Non-acceptance of supervisory personnel's decisions or any aggression or violence towards supervisory personnel will not be tolerated and may result in the removal of those involved from the premises and the cancellation of all future bookings. Deposits and payments will be forfeited.
- v. Only players and trainers/coaches are permitted inside the pitch during a booking time. For safety reasons children under the age of 18 are not allowed inside during a booked session unless they are officially part of the booking and of the activity for which the booking was made.
- vi. Consideration is to be given to those bookings before and after all bookings. Individuals and Groups are not permitted to wait or warm up inside the Pitch Area.
- vii. No use will be permitted outside the operational hours of the pitch. Anyone breaching this rule will be removed and may result in cancellation of any future bookings.
- viii. The Management decisions on admission, allocation, use, operation, or closure of the facilities is final.

**Ballymacash Sports Academy Management reserve the right to:**

- i. Introduce, amend, or delete such rules as may be required from time to time due to the needs of the service or due to changing circumstances.
- ii. Levy charges and fees as it considers appropriate for the use of facilities or services, and to alter such charges or fees at their sole discretion.
- iii. Refuse admission or the continued use of the facilities to any person or group who in their opinion are in breach of any management rule, or whose behaviour is such that it interferes with the safe, efficient operation of the facility.
- iv. Refuse admission or the continued use of the facilities to any person or group who in their opinion conflict with the aims and objectives of the Academy as defined in the BSA incorporated Rules, Aims and Objectives. This may include refusing bookings for clubs or individuals if it is deemed that the strategic development interests of either the Academy or BRFC may be compromised in anyway. This may include any potential for confusion or a conflict of interests within marketing, promotion, grants or the implementation of the Player/Youth Development Programmes and it may result in restricted or limited usage rights.
- v. To ensure that the safety of all users is protected, and the aims of the Academy are maintained, sports clubs or youth organisation may be required to fill in an additional 'Group Booking Form' providing additional Welfare policy information and they may also be asked to agree to an additional 'Code of Conduct for Group/Team Bookings.'
- vi. Close the facilities for maintenance repair, holidays, or for any other reason. Where such closure occurs, no claim shall lie against Ballymacash Sports Academy its management, staff, or personnel in respect of loss or inconvenience suffered.

***Ballymacash Sports Academy and its management point out that all persons using the facilities do so at their own risk. Users are strongly advised to seek medical advice before undertaking exercise. Users with any known medical condition should consult with their doctor before participating in any form of exercise.***

***In the event of an emergency please call 999 and direct the required service to the following address:***

***Ballymacash Sports Academy, 10A Rushmore Drive, Lisburn, BT28 2HN.***