

Tolchards Devon Cricket League

Ground and Facilities Requirements

GENERAL

This document sets out the minimum quality standard for clubs playing in the Devon Cricket League. They do not attempt to set out the technical specifications for pavilions, grounds etc. The Devon Cricket Board Ltd should always be referred to, particularly where clubs are embarking on new projects.

GROUND MACHINERY

In matches where independent umpires are appointed pitches/grounds will be assessed under the existing criteria. The Essential Guide to Cricket Groundsmanship, which may be found at <http://www.groundsmanship.co.uk/cricket/cricket-home> gives guidance on the preparation of pitches and outfield, together with the standards suggested. The list of grounds equipment in this document is not prescriptive. It is accepted that, in some clubs, the preparation and presentation of the ground lies in the hand of a third party e.g. contractor, and therefore in these prevailing circumstances the equipment that the home club will need will be limited.

Ground Machinery

Pitch Mower	Cylinder Mower (with no less than 8 blades, capable of a minimum of 130 cuts per metre) suitable for pitch/square preparation
Outfield Cutter	Either trailed or mounted gangs – width 1.8m to 2.1m or ride-on
Light Roller	Hand roller. Weight 750–250kg (light)
Heavy Roller	Self-propelled motor roller. Medium up to 500kg; Heavy 1016kg or more
Aerator	Ownership of/access to
Scarifier	Ownership of/access to

Item	Descriptor	Notes	Premier & A Divisions	B Division	C Division and Below	Second Grounds	Entry Level – F Division
Sight Screen	One at either end/moveable/non reflective/must be in good condition and adequate and appropriate for the size of ground. Where possible they should stand outside the playing area		Yes	Yes	Recommended but not mandatory	Recommended but not mandatory	Not required
Scoreboard/ Scoring Facilities	Electronic or manual. Must be able to display minimum of total runs, total to win, wickets down, overs remaining, current individual batsman's score, last man's score, Duckworth-Lewis-Stern score * Internet connection (landline or Wi-Fi) access to laptop re on-line scoring	Duckworth-Lewis-Stern required in Premier *On-line scoring mandatory in Premier Division. Also A Division from 2019	Yes	Yes	Yes	Total score, wickets down; overs bowled; runs to win	As per second grounds
Scoring facilities	Separate area to accommodate two scorers either As an integral part of the scoreboard with a clear view of the playing area. Comfortable place for two scorers and room for two laptops or As a separate area (or room) away from the main scoreboard. Must have the capacity to update the scoreboard either manually or electronically. Adequate space for two seated scorers and their laptops with a clear view of the ground		Yes	Yes	Yes	No At least a separate table to accommodate two scorers in a covered area	No As per second grounds

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Covers	Ideally these should be mobile covers to cover the match pitch with the appropriate 'drain off' capacity. Covers should be 'fit for purpose' free from punctures and leaks	Option of flat sheet covers from B Division and below	Yes	Yes	Yes	Recommended but not mandatory	As per second grounds
Main Clock	A clock that can be viewed from the match pitch, mounted externally either on the clubhouse or the scoreboard	Must be in good working order	Yes	Yes	Recommended but not mandatory	No	No
Match Stumps and Bails	Should be properly matched sets in good condition and with matching balls	See 'umpires kit' below	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes
The Boundary	The boundary should be clearly marked by a rope or white line with markers approximately 20 yards apart. No boundary shall be less than 50 yards or more than 90 yards from the nearer middle stump on the match pitch, unless specific dispensation is given by the League Management Committee		Yes	The boundary should be clearly marked by rope or a white line with markers approximately 20 yards apart	As per B Division	As per B Division	As per B Division
Drying Equipment	The club should have the ability to remove either manually or mechanically, areas of surface water after rain An adequate supply of sawdust for covering damp ground. An adequate supply of cloths for keeping the match ball dry	Bowdry ground drying machine or similar	Yes	Yes	Yes	Sawdust for damp ground/pitch areas. Cloths for drying the ball	As per second grounds

Umpires 'Kit'	Two coats (clean), bowler's markers, balls, match stumps and spares. Full set inner field discs and spares	<i>Fliedg circles not applicable in F Division and below</i>	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes
Practice facilities	Two bay outdoor net facility (either grass or artificial). Where space permits these should be a permanent facility. All surfaces should be well maintained. Artificial surfaces should be free of holes or tears. Where possible netting should be full length and should incorporate roof netting. Nets should be in a good state of repair	<i>From B Division down minimum of one outdoor net – either mobile or fixed</i>	Yes	See note	See note	Not applicable	As per B Division and below requirements
Pavilion/ Clubhouse							
Players Changing Rooms	Two rooms each with 20 sqm for changing. Changing rooms should be lockable should include coat hooks for 12 players with bench (or similar) seating	<i>20 sqm relates to Premier and A Division Only</i>	Yes	Yes	Yes	Recommended	2 lockable changing rooms
Showers	Three shower heads per changing room. A separate dry off area should be provided		Yes	Two shower heads per team	Two shower heads per team	Recommended	Recommended
Toilets for Players	Ideally with convenient access from changing rooms. One WC and hand basin with mirror above (minimum)		Yes	Yes	Yes	Access to toilets with handwashing facilities	Separate ladies and gents with handwashing facilities
Changing for Umpires	Separate changing and shower facilities from the players with WC and hand basin with mirror. Lockable room with bench seating, coat and towel hooks adequate for two umpires		Yes	Yes	Recommended for C & D Divisions	No	No

Item	Descriptor	Notes	Premier & A Divisions	B Division	C Divisions and Below	Second Grounds	Entry Level – F Division
Social and Dining / Tea Room	Dual purpose room for social functions and to accommodate players and umpires for lunch and tea breaks		Yes	Yes	Yes	Separate area for serving teas to players, scorers and umpires	As per second grounds
Kitchen and Serving Area	Either commercial or domestic operation. Commercial operation has separate requirements from domestic. Environmental health regulations require separate wash/hand basin in food preparation areas		Yes	Yes	Yes	Where applicable	Separate area for the preparation of teas. Hot and cold running water. Clean surfaces
Telephone	A telephone (either landline or designated mobile) must be available for (emergency) use by players, officials and spectators	<i>Information should be displayed in the clubhouse relating to the location of, and telephone numbers for the local GP surgery and hospital</i>	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes
Ladies and gents Toilets	Separate ladies and gent's toilet facilities. WC and hand basin with mirror above. Hot and cold running water		Yes	Yes	Separate toilet facility and hand basin. WC with hot and cold running water	Access to toilets with hand washing	Separate ladies and gents with hand washing facilities
First Aid Box	A First Aid Box must be available at all times when the club is being used. Minimum contents are described in the current DCL handbook		Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes

Ground surrounds							
Signage	Entrance to the ground to be clearly signed in the name of the club		Yes	Yes	Yes	Where applicable	Yes
Seating	Adequate external seating for players and spectators		Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes
Car parking	Adequate car parking for players, officials and spectators – either in or adjacent to the ground	<i>The appropriate insurance disclaimer should be displayed as appropriate</i>	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes
Disabled Access	Every effort should be made to ensure disabled access to all areas of the ground and clubhouse. Where the pavilion/scorebox is on more than one level consideration needs to be given as to how, for example, a wheelchair user would get access to floors either above or below ground level		Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes