

Ground, Pitch and Facility Requirements for Cotswold Hills League Clubs			
M = Mandatory O = Optional N/A = Not Applicable	Premier and Division 1	Divisions 2 and 3	Div 4 and below
<b>1. PITCHES</b>			
a. Pitch must not be artificially watered within 48 hours of the start of the match	M	M	O
b. Pitch correctly marked	M	M	M
c. Pitch re-marked in the interval between innings	M	O	O
d. Square cut for matches, in good condition, with previously used pitches repaired. A new pitch is not a requirement.	M	M	O
<b>2. PITCH PROTECTION</b>			
Full-length roll-on covers or sheet covering in good condition must be provided for the match pitch. Ideally covers must be applied from Thursday evening for a Saturday match. NB They may of course be removed for the duration of evening games.	M	M	O
<b>3. OUTFIELD</b>			
a. Outfield close mown with no noticeable grass cuttings, weeds, ruts, holes or hazards	M	M	M
b. Boundary clearly marked by rope or line, with markers approx. 20 yards apart. Where the boundary is marked by a permanent structure e.g. wall or fence due consideration should be given to the safety of the players.	M	M	O
c. Ground surrounds well maintained and suitable measures in place to ensure that lost balls do not delay play. Before the start of play the home captain shall hand to the umpire(s) a box containing six CHL balls of varying previous usage. In the absence of any non-playing umpires the box shall be placed with the scorers.	M	M	O
<b>4. FACILITIES and EQUIPMENT</b>			
a. Sight screens at both ends of the ground, positioned before play and roped off, if within playing area.	M	M	O
b. Scorebox/scoreboard clean and tidy indicating as a minimum: total runs, wickets, overs bowled and score of side batting first.	M	M	M
c. A roller sufficiently heavy for the preparation of pitches	M	M	M
d. Pitch and square mowers, outfield mower (contractors may be used for latter).	M	M	M
e. Access to a scarifier, spiker/aerator	M	M	O
f. A working clock that can be seen from the playing area	M	O	O
<b>5. CLUBHOUSE REQUIREMENTS</b>			
a. *Separate and secure changing room for each team. The visitors room to be free of unnecessary equipment and clutter.	M	M	M
b. *Clean and hygienic showers.	M	M	O

c. *Clean and hygienic male and female toilets. Every effort should be made to accommodate disabled spectators in existing facilities. New facilities are mandated by ECB planning requirements.	M	M	M
d. Clean and hygienic kitchen facilities.	M	M	M
e. Clean and hygienic tea area.	M	M	M
f. Fully stocked, up to date, first-aid box for treatment of minor injuries. Accessible and clearly signposted.	M	M	M
g. Separate laid out tea area for umpires.	O	O	O
h. Separate changing facility for umpires	O	O	O
i. Clean umpires coats with counters should be provided by the home team and worn by players if and when umpiring	M	M	M
*Failure to provide such facilities may result in the club concerned being relegated to an appropriate division or expelled from the league at the discretion of the committee.			
Captains and umpires are urged to take all the above requirements into consideration when completing their reports at the end of the game with reports to highlight identified deficiencies. Club will be advised of regular deficiencies and requested that matters be corrected. Failure to do so may result in the club concerned being deducted points or relegated to an appropriate division or expelled from the league at the discretion of the committee.			