

Ground criteria

North Wales Coast (East) Football League

Premier Division (Tier 4)

The clubs who complete the season as Tier 5 (Division One) Champions or Runners-up will be considered for promotion to our Tier 4 (**Premier Division**) providing they meet the ground criteria for the Premier Division by the **30th, April** at the end of each season.

All applications for promotion must be submitted to the league's general secretary by **31st, December** of each season, together with a **£100** application fee.

1.0 Field of Play

- 1.1 In accordance with the laws of the game, the playing area must be smooth and flat and be of good drainage and must not be less than **91.44 meters** (100 yds) in length and **45.72 meters** (50 yds) wide and must be a wholly natural or wholly artificial surface and must be maintained in good condition.
- 1.2 All lines to be clearly marked in white at least **two** hours before the start of play.
- 1.3 Goal nets must be in place at least sixty (**60**) minutes prior to kick off time.

2.0 Goal Posts & Nets

- 2.1 The goalposts, crossbars and goal nets must be maintained in good condition and meet the requirements of the laws of the game.
- 2.2 The goalposts and crossbars must be made of aluminium or similar material and must be round or elliptical. They must be white and must not pose a danger to players.
- 2.3 The distance between the posts must be 7.32 meters (8 yards), and the distance from the lower edge of the crossbar to the ground must be 2.44 meters (2.66 yards/8feet).

3.0 Dressing Rooms

- 3.1 Must be within 100 yards of the playing area, or at the discretion of the league management committee, and each team must have their own dressing room with one individual seated toilet provided in each dressing room, separate to the spectators, separate shower facilities containing at least four shower heads in each of the teams dressing rooms and seating for at least 16 persons.
- 3.2 The match officials must have a separate dressing room with one shower and toilet facilities and seating for three persons.
- 3.3 Hot and cold water shall be provided for all.
- 3.4 The rooms must not be used for storage or similar purposes.

4.0 Dug Outs

- 4.1 All grounds must have a covered dug out area for each team to seat **eight** people per team and must be near to the halfway line positioned on the same side of the playing area.
- 4.2 Only the team managers, substitutes, coaches and medical staff are allowed in the dug outs.
- 4.3 A technical area should be marked out which should extend **0.91 meters** (1 yard) on either side on the designated dug out area and extend forward up to a distance of **0.91 meters (one yard)** from the touchline.

5.0 Barriers

- 5.1 All grounds must have barriers (not ropes) to ensure the whole the playing area is closed off to spectators and must be at least **1.5 meters (1.64 yards)** from the touchline of the playing area.

6.0 Refreshments

- 6.1 The home club to provide refreshments for both teams and match officials at half time and full time, and visiting VIP personnel, which should be at least a warm drink in the winter or a cold drink on warm days.

7.0 First Aid

- 7.1 A club have a designated and fully qualified First Aid Officer available for all home fixtures.
- 7.2 The first aid officer must have a valid First Aid Certificate confirming at least **6 hours** training.

8.0 Spectator – Related Areas

- 8.1 Refreshment's, hot and cold drinks may be made available for the supporters of both teams at a reasonable price.
- 8.2 Toilet facilities for both sexes be available.
- 8.3 Car parking facilities to be available for both teams and officials.

9.0 Ground Share

- 9.1 Clubs may only ground share with a maximum of two other clubs and then only if they do not have a Reserve team.
- 9.2 Details of ground sharing agreements must be submitted to the league general secretary on or before **30th, April** to be effective the following season.

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Division One (Tier 5)

New clubs wishing to join the league must submit their application to the league's general secretary by **31st, December** of each season together with a **£100.00** application fee.

New clubs will have their ground and changing facilities inspected by the league executive committee and they must comply with the ground criteria as referred to below.

1.0 Field of Play

- 1.1 In accordance with the laws of the game the playing area must be smooth and level and must be of good drainage and must be not less than **91.44meters (100 yds) in length and 45.72m (50 yards) wide** and, must be wholly natural or a wholly artificial surface. It must be maintained in good condition.
- 1.2 All lines to be clearly marked in white at least two hours before the start of play.
- 1.4 Goal nets must be in place at least 60 minutes prior to kick off.

2.0 Goal Post & Nets

- 2.1 Goal posts, crossbars and goal nets must be maintained in good condition and meet the requirements of the laws of the game.
- 2.2 The goal posts and crossbars must be made of aluminium or similar material and must be round or elliptical. They must be white and not pose a danger to players.
- 2.3 The distance between the posts must be **7.32 meters (8 yards)** and the distance from the lower edge of the crossbar to the ground must be **2.44 meters (2.66 yards/8ft)**.

3.0 Dressing Rooms

- 3.1 Must be within 100 yards of the playing area, or at the discretion of the league management committee, and each team must have their own dressing rooms with one individual seated toilet provided in each dressing room separate from the spectators, separate shower facilities should also be provided in each of the teams dressing rooms and seating for at least 16 persons.
- 3.2 The match officials must have a separate dressing room with one shower and toilet facilities provided.
- 3.3 Hot and cold running water to be provided for all shower units.
- 3.4 The rooms must not be used for storage or similar purposes.

4.0 Barriers

- 4.1 It would be desirable if the ground could have barriers (metal or rope) around the whole of the playing area is closed off to spectators, which must be at least **1.5 meters (1.64 yards)** from the touchline of the playing area.

5.0 First Aid

- 5.1 A club must have a designated and fully qualified First Aid Officer available for all home fixtures.
- 5.2 The First Aid Officer must have a valid First Aid Certificate confirming at least six hours of training.

6.0 Ground Share

- 5.1 Clubs may only ground share with a maximum of two other clubs and only then if they do not have a reserve team.
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LOCAL RULE:

(North Wales Coast (East) Football League)

All clubs within the jurisdiction of the league must comply with the following rule before they can be accepted into MEMBERSHIP:

Rule 6.0

- 6.1.1 Clubs must comprise of a committee to include a minimum of **3 members** in which there shall be a Chairman, Secretary, treasurer.
- 6.1.2 Clubs must have a bank account in the name of the club (an account through individual person will not be acceptable).
- 6.1.3 Clubs must have a set of constitution rules appertaining to the club.
- 6.1.4 Clubs must have an Insurance policy in the name of the club.
- 6.1.5 Clubs must have a ground that adheres to the ground criteria as laid out by the league constitutional rules.