



EDLESBOROUGH PARISH COUNCIL

Policy statement concerning competitive team games held on Edlesborough Green

In order to protect and preserve Edlesborough Green (the Green) for the benefit and enjoyment of present and future parishioners, Edlesborough Parish (the Council) has adopted the following policy regarding the use of the Green for competitive team sports.

The Council reserves the right to amend this policy from time-to-time as it sees fit. Such amendments are to be discussed at its regular meetings and not necessarily by specific written notice to those who may at the time be availing themselves of the facilities of the Green for such competitive team games.

A FOOTBALL AND WINTER SPORTS

1. The Winter season shall run from 1st September until 19th May. Any home games or practice sessions outside of these dates must have the formal agreement of the Council.
2. The number of clubs enjoying the right to play on the Green each season is to be decided by the Council.
3. The Council reserves the right to cancel any game or practice session if it is deemed necessary:
 - a) to safeguard the condition of the Green for the normal day to day use by Parishioners
 - b) to protect the playing surface during inclement weather.

The decision of the nominee appointed by the Council in this regard will be final. The nominee will advise the teams in advance if it is deemed necessary to cancel or restrict the use due to the state of the pitch.

4. Applications from clubs wishing to use the facilities for the succeeding season must be received by the Council by 1st May at the latest. Notification of the successful applicants will be given no later than 1st August.

B CRICKET AND SUMMER FIELD SPORTS

1. The Summer season shall run from the first Sunday in April until 30th September. Any home games or practice sessions outside of these dates must have the formal agreement of the Council.
2. Applications from clubs wishing to use the facility for the succeeding season must be received by the Council by 1st October at the latest. Notification of the successful applicant will be given no later than 1st December.

C TENNIS

1. Tennis shall be considered to be an all-year round sport with no fixed season.

D ALL SPORTS

1. It is the responsibility of each club to provide the Council with at least one week's notice of any fixture to be held on the Green.
2. Adequate personal and third party insurance must be taken out, and a current certificate produced to the Council on request.
4. Each club or organisation will need to agree use of the Pavilion with the ECSC.
5. Each club or organisation must nominate a person to the Council who will be responsible for their club carrying out this policy.

E. DAMAGE TO PROPERTY

Any damage to the Green howsoever caused, will be the responsibility of the club or organisation causing it. If the club or organisation fails altogether to rectify such damage, or in the Council's opinion, fails to rectify it to an acceptable standard, the Council reserves the right to remedy the damage itself and to bill the club or organisation in question. The Council is to be reimbursed within fourteen days of the account being submitted to their representative.

F. ENFORCEMENT OF POLICY

Failure to comply with the rules of this policy will result in a suspension of playing facilities for the club for a period to be decided by the Council. In serious cases, the Council reserves the right to withdraw playing facilities for the club totally.

G. **CHARGES**

Charges will be reviewed annually in May by the Council and the clubs informed. Clubs using the facilities are advised that the Council may seek to recover any pitch maintenance costs directly attributable to a particular sport by means of adding such costs to the succeeding year's charges.

Signed for and on behalf of Edlesborough Parish Council	
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