



4G FOOTWEAR POLICY

WE OPERATE A STRICT BUT SIMPLE FOOTWEAR POLICY ON OUR 4G PITCHES

FOOTBALL BOOTS WITH MOULDED SOLES MUST BE WORN ON THE 4G TURF

✓ PERMITTED	NOT PERMITTED ✗
Football boots with moulded studs	Any flat soled footwear including trainers & flip flops
Football boots with moulded blades	"Turf" trainers/boots with dimpled soles or tread
Firm Ground (FG) or Artificial Grass (AG) sole plates	Screw-in studs, or any metal studs or blades
Astro boots/trainers	Boots with Soft Ground (SG) or mixed/combi-sole plates
	Shoes, work boots, bare feet or socks

THIS APPLIES TO EVERYONE ON THE 4G TURF AT ANY TIME, INCLUDING:

MATCH OFFICIALS	Including Assistant Referees, Fourth Officials and club volunteers "running the line"
COACHES	Setting up – please put your moulded boots on before you set up your cones etc.
DUGOUTS & TECHNICAL AREA	Everyone at pitchside must wear moulded boots, including Managers, coaches, medical staff, kit men and non-playing/substituted players in the dugout or technical area
WALKING ON AND OFF THE SURFACE	Boots must be put on before entering the 4G turf and must be kept on until completely off the surface. Walking on/off in trainers, flip flops, bare feet or socks is not permitted
PITCH SURROUND	The 3 metre "runoff" area outside the pitch lines is part of the playing surface and must be kept in the same condition – the footwear policy still applies, including photographers
PARENTS	"Just taking a drink" or other item onto the surface is not an exception – please ask the recipient to come to the side to collect it
JUST HAVING A LOOK	This is not an exception to the policy, including players and match officials pre-match

INFORMATION AND FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS

What damage will it do?	Screw-in or metal studs/blades can rip the turf. Other non-permitted footwear compacts the crumb which can break the artificial grass fibres and affects the quality of the surface – i.e. it becomes hard.
Why moulded boots?	Moulded soles move the crumb around, keeping it aerated and soft, ensuring the best possible surface and that we pass our FA and FIFA tests.
You're being fussy	We are strict, but the policy is clear and simple. There is no reason why we should cut short the life of our pitch by allowing non-permitted footwear and making exceptions.
I can wear these elsewhere	This is our policy, as agreed with our turf supplier and installation team. Please work with us to help us keep the pitches in the best possible condition.

We are receiving many compliments about the high quality of our surface. We want it to stay that way for everyone. Our staff & volunteers are simply enforcing the policy to ensure this happens. Many thanks for your cooperation.