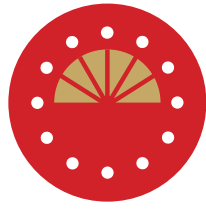


MYTHBUSTERS

USING YOUR PITCH 12 MONTHS A YEAR



Key Principles

- 1 Pitch = 5-6 hrs use per week
- 12 Month Annual Maintenance – make sure you’re doing the right things, with the right material, at the right time of year. Little and often is best!
- Pitch Management is key, particularly in winter months
- If your pitch is unplayable, it’s unplayable and playing on it will damage the facility in the long term. Playing one game in the wrong conditions could affect your whole season
- Surface level must be done in March/April so that the pitch is safe for use May to September



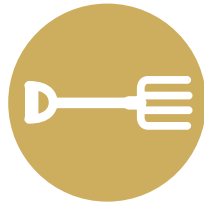
Think outside the box

- Look for empty spaces where ‘training grids’ can be created – move your grids around if possible



Pitch Facts

- Pitch surfaces could be easily improved by 25% if aerated and fed 4-5 times per year
- Spiking the pitch once in the dry is worth 5 in the wet



12 MONTHS GROUNDS MAINTENANCE SCHEDULE

