

FACILITIES STANDARDS 2016

This document sets out the RFL Facility Standards for Super League, Championship and League 1. In addition each Club must comply with the principles set out in the DCMS publication “Guide to Safety at Sports Grounds” (Green Guide) – together with the requirements stated in this document the “Standards”.

The aim of the Standards is to ensure that Matches are played at Facilities that are appropriate for the relevant competition and the players, spectators, broadcasters and commercial partners of the sport. If a Club is not able to meet any of the Standards it may apply in writing for dispensation from the Board. The Board has absolute discretion in granting any such dispensation (and shall take into account such factors as it considers appropriate) and may make it subject to such terms and conditions as it considers appropriate.

Evidence of compliance with each Facility Standard must be provided to the RFL as reasonably required.

Facility Standard	Super League	Championship	League 1	Scholarship/Academy/Reserves
1.0 SPECTATORS				
Capacity	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Minimum of 5,000 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Minimum of 3,000 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 1,000 	N/A
Seats (Permanent)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Minimum of 2,000 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 750 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 500 	N/A
If the ground is a Designated Sports Ground, a Ground Safety Certificate covering at least the current Season.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Yes 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Yes 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Yes 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Yes
If the ground is not a Designated Sports Ground: (a) a Regulated Stand Certificate for each stand with a capacity over 500; and	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Yes 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Yes 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Yes 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Yes

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(b) a Ground Management Plan produced by an occupationally competent Ground Safety Officer (as defined in the Green Guide) and signed by the CEO which provides for the ground to be managed as if it were a Designated Ground in place, in each case, covering at least the current Season.				
Ground must be enclosed to exclude public access.	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes
Security of Tenure	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 5 years • Until the end of the following Season (when considering eligibility for promotion) 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 5 years • Until the end of the following Season (when considering eligibility for promotion) 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 3 years 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The season
Disabled facilities	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 20, under cover 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 12, under cover 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 6, under cover 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 6, under cover
Turnstiles	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Green Guide 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Green Guide 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Green Guide 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Green Guide
Public First Aid Points	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Green Guide 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Green Guide 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Green Guide 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Green Guide

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CCTV	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Stadium bowl, concourse and exits 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> N/A 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> N/A 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> N/A
Parking	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Directors, officials & team coach 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Directors, officials & team coach 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Directors, officials & team coach 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Officials and team coach

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2.0 PLAYERS & OFFICIALS				
Pitch Condition	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Drainage, level, safe. If synthetic to meet RFL quality standards 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Drainage, level, safe. If synthetic to meet RFL quality standards 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Drainage, level, safe. If synthetic to meet RFL quality standards 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Drainage, level, safe. If synthetic to meet RFL quality standards
Pitch size	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Preferred size - 100 x 68 m with 6 m in-goal area. • Minimum 88 m x 55 m + 6 m in-goal 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Preferred size - 100 x 68 m with 6 m in-goal area. • Minimum 88 m x 55 m + 6 m in-goal 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Preferred size - 100 x 68 m with 6 m in-goal area. • Minimum 88 m x 55 m + 6 m in-goal 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Preferred size - 100 x 68 m with 6 m in-goal area. • Minimum 88 m x 55 m + 6 m in-goal
Pitch Perimeter	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 3 m. • Any that don't meet 3 m run off must have RFL approval and must have adequate padding in place for player safety 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 3 m • Any that don't meet 3 m run off must have RFL approval and must have adequate padding in place for player safety 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 3 m • Any that don't meet 3 m run off must have RFL approval and must have adequate padding in place for player safety 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 3 m • Any that don't meet 3 m run off must have RFL approval and must have adequate padding in place for player safety
Safe passage	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Yes 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Yes 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Yes 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Yes
Dug outs	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Yes (12 under cover) 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Yes (12 under cover) 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Yes (12 under cover) 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Yes (12 under cover)
Floodlighting	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 1,200 lux (or otherwise satisfactory from time to time to the host broadcaster and the RFL) 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 300 lux with plan to implement 1,200 lux (or otherwise satisfactory from time to time to the host broadcaster and the RFL) if needed for broadcast 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Fit to play under 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Fit to play under if required.
Players' Medical room	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Yes (stretcher access) 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Yes (stretcher access) 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Yes (stretcher access) 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Yes (stretcher access)

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	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Hot and cold running water 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Hot and cold running water 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Hot and cold running water 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Hot and cold running water
Doping control room	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Arrangements in place 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Arrangements in place 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Arrangements in place 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Arrangements in place
Players' Lounge	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> 50 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> 50 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> 50 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> 50
Dressing Rooms	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Yes (40m² (excluding shower area), clean, 6 showers, one WC, 2 urinals) 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Yes (30m² (excluding shower area), clean, 6 showers, one WC, 2 urinals) 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Yes (30m² (excluding shower area), clean, 6 showers, one WC, 2 urinals) 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Yes (30m² (excluding shower area), clean, 6 showers, one WC, 2 urinals)
Match officials' room	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Yes (clean, 2 showers, 8m²) 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Yes (clean, 2 showers, 8m²) 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Yes (clean, 2 showers, 7m²) 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Yes (clean, 2 showers, 7m²)
3.0 COMMERCIAL				
3.1 Directors Box				
Seats	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> 40 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> 40 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> 40 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> N/A
Boardroom	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> 40 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> 40 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> 20 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> N/A
Under Cover & Cordoned off from Public areas by a Physical Barrier	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Yes 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Yes 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Yes 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> N/A
Positioned above pitch level and close to halfway line	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Yes 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Yes 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Yes 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> N/A
Access to & from Boardroom to seats	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Stadiums built from 01/01/ 15 – direct access to and from boardroom to seats without passing through a public area 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Stadiums built from 01/01/ 15 – direct access to and from boardroom to seats without passing through a public area 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> No 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> N/A

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	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> All other stadiums - either as per new builds or appropriately stewarded. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> All other stadiums - either as per new builds or appropriately stewarded. 		
Type of seats	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Executive 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Standard 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Standard 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> N/A
3.2 Sponsors				
Seats	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Minimum 200 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Minimum 80 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Minimum 40 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> N/A
Corporate Lounges	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Minimum 200 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Minimum 80 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Minimum 40 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> N/A
Under Cover & Cordoned off from Public areas by a Physical Barrier	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Yes 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Yes 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Yes 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> N/A
Type of seats	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Wider than main stadium provision with arm rests 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Standard 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Standard 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> N/A

3.3 Branding				
Perimeter Advertising Boards	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Minimum of 600mm in height and 5,000mm in length 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Minimum of 600mm in height and 5,000mm in length 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Minimum of 600mm in height and 5,000mm in length 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> N/A
Commercial hardware storage in clean and secure location on non-match days	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Yes 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Yes 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Yes 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> N/A
3.4 Other Commercial Requirements				

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Wi-Fi	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Press box and other media areas 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Press box and other media areas 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Press box and other media areas 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> No
Countdown Clock	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Yes 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Optional – but clock must be visible 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> No 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> No
Scoreboard	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Electronic 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Electronic or manual 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Electronic or manual 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Manual
4.0 BROADCAST				
Designated parking area for broadcast operation	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Yes – minimum of 40m by 40m 50 car park spaces 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Yes – minimum of 40m by 40m to be provided for televised games 50 car park spaces for Play Offs to be provided for televised games 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Not required 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> N/A
Gantry	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Required - in form satisfactory from time to time to the host broadcaster 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> To be provided for any televised games in form satisfactory from time to time to the host broadcaster 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Not required 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> N/A
Studio	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Location to be provided 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Location to be provided for any televised match 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Not required 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> N/A
High Behind Towers	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Space to be provided behind the goals for 2 high behind towers 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Space to be provided behind the goals for 2 high behind towers for any televised games 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Not required 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> N/A
5.0 MEDIA				
Media facilities	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> The press box must be situated so as to afford the best possible view of all parts of the field 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> The press box must be situated so as to afford the best possible view of all parts of the field 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Adequate facilities 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Adequate facilities

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	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The press box should be able to accommodate 30 in comfort • The press box should be equipped with firmly fixed flat working surfaces. • Overhead lighting should be provided and this should be kept on for a minimum of one hour after the match until all press duties have been completed • There should be a room which can be used as a working press lounge & conference facility. • Overflow area of 20 seats • TV monitor in press box. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The press box should be able to accommodate 7 in comfort • The press box should be equipped with firmly fixed flat working surfaces. • Overhead lighting should be provided and this should be kept on for a minimum of one hour after the match until all press duties have been completed • There should be a room which can be used as a working press lounge & conference facility. 		
Photographers	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Power points and phone/fax points • Area to distribute bibs, programmes etc. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Power points and phone/fax points • Area to distribute bibs, programmes etc. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Adequate facilities 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Adequate facilities