



Doo'cot Park Cricket Policy 2010

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Introduction

The Gannochy Trust is justifiably proud to be able to provide excellent cricket facilities at Doo'cot Park that have a wide and enviable reputation, especially in furthering cricket among Young People. These facilities have been enjoyed by generations and have helped to develop many young cricketers. It is the intention of the Trust that the facilities are respected by all who share them so they may be similarly enjoyed by future generations.

Purpose

The purpose of this document is to set out the policy for the use of Doo'cot Park for cricket and the associated responsibilities of Gannochy Trust and its staff, and resident clubs.

Cricket Scotland Report

The Gannochy Trust commissioned the Perth Cricket Review 2007 to examine the state of recreational cricket in the city. As the largest external investor in cricket in the area, the Trust aims to operate as a catalyst to enable cricket to be played at 2 principal locations in Perth - the North Inch and Doo'cot Park. In this respect, the Trust is keen to see the North Inch cricket facilities brought back up to standard and it be maintained as a centre for cricket.

Policy

This policy document will be developed and amended along with, and in agreement with, the resident clubs. It is a 'living' document and will be regularly reviewed and updated to reflect wider changes and developments. The responsibility for the document within the Gannochy Trust lies with the General Manager, who will make policy recommendations to the Trustees for approval and gain the agreement of the resident clubs. The Trust is keen to actively promote youth cricket through the resident clubs encouraging young players and by staging specific fixtures and events for young cricketers.

Applicability

This policy document will be applicable to the Gannochy Trust and its staff and all of the clubs and organisations who use the Doo'cot Park cricket facilities. Clubs and organisations agreeing to the policy set out in this document will be responsible for its delivery through their 'responsible officers', who will normally comprise the club's management committee. However, the excellent quality of the facilities at Doo'cot Park should inspire users to respect and care for the fabric of the property and the quality of the pitches and their surroundings.

Delegated Decisions

The Trustees have delegated the following decisions to the Groundsman:

- Match cancellation due to bad weather/unplayable pitches.
- Net practice cancellation due to bad weather/unplayable pitches.

In each case, participating clubs should check the state of the nets or pitches in reasonable time directly with the Groundsman. It would assist if each club made a single call to the Groundsman and put in place an internal cascade system to inform all team members of the decision. This is especially important so as not to distract the Groundsman from preparing the pitches to the highest possible standard by needing to make an inordinate number of telephone calls in connection with a particular fixture. **In the event of marginal weather or pitch conditions the Groundsman's decision will be final.**

Health & Safety

It is the intention of the Gannochy Trust to provide a cricket facility that carefully balances the enjoyment of the sport with a safe environment for all. It would be over-restrictive to set unreasonable Health & Safety (H&S) conditions for the use of Doo'cot Park, but there are a number of 'common-sense' areas that have been addressed to ensure that players and spectators enjoy their sport in safety. Clearly, it is everyone's responsibility to report any aspects of the facilities that they consider to be actually or potentially unsafe for themselves or others. In the first instance, H&S concerns should be raised with the Groundsman, who, in turn, will refer unresolved issues to the Estates Manager or General Manager.

The specific H&S points that will be observed by all using the cricket facilities are:

- The number of participants involved in net practice in the immediate vicinity of the nets will be restricted to 20.
- There is to be no cricket practice involving batting and bowling outside the netted area. The only exception to this stipulation is for fielding and catching practice, which should be conducted sufficiently far away from the nets to remain safe, but to avoid any unnecessary wear or damage to the pitches. If in doubt, consult the Groundsman for advice.
- There is to be no other sporting activity on the grassed area other than that associated with cricket matches.
- Participating clubs will ensure that spectators, children and other players do not play football, golf or any other ball games as has been the experience in the past.

- There are to be no dogs allowed on the grassed area of Doo'cot Park. If dogs are walked in other areas, they are to be kept on a lead and owners are responsible for ensuring that the area within Doo'cot Park is kept clean.
- Resident clubs should ensure that the areas around the pavilion are kept free from litter and the waste bins provided are used by everyone.
- Participants are responsible for the safety of their children. They should exercise careful control to ensure that cricket-related activities are not affected by children playing on or adjacent to the pitch and children are kept at a safe distance from the dangers associated with a cricket ball moving at speed, especially in the air.

Operating Procedures

Booking Procedures

Doo'cot Park has facilities for two pitches which are normally allocated as follows. The Top Pitch is available for use by Almond Valley and Mayfield. The Bottom Pitch is available for use by Strathearn and Perth Northern Cricket Clubs. However, should it be necessary, the Groundsman may adjust these arrangements.

The dates available for fixtures run from beginning of April to the first weekend in September. Pitches will not be available during the Perth Holiday Weekend, which is normally the first weekend in July.

Resident clubs are responsible for contacting the League Secretary to obtain the dates required for the season's matches, avoiding to the best of their ability any conflicting fixtures. Participating clubs are required to lodge details of their fixtures as soon as possible prior to the start of the cricket season.

The Estates Assistant will be responsible for transferring the dates of the season's matches from the information provided by the resident clubs onto a working calendar. In the event of any conflicting fixtures the estates Assistant will advise the respective home team, who will be responsible for arranging alternative dates or venues in agreement with the Groundsman.

In the event of clashes the following criteria will be considered: the date the participating clubs lodged details of their fixtures with the Estates Assistant; the importance of the match itself.

Insurance

Resident clubs are required to hold Public Liability Insurance and lodge a copy of their policy with the Gannochy Trust at the start of the season before they use the

facilities. Resident clubs will also be responsible for ensuring that their visitors have valid Public Liability Insurance. Other organisations that use the Doo'cot Park cricket facilities from time-to-time will also be required to provide details of their Public Liability Insurance Policy.

Fees

Participating clubs will be required to pay an annual rental and electricity charge. This charge may vary as the cost of delivering the basic services increases.

Timing Constraints

Evening net practices will be restricted to 5.30 – 9.30 pm to minimise the impact on local residents.

Deconfliction Arrangements

The following deconfliction procedures will complement the H&S arrangements:

- The booking procedure will ensure that matches do not overlap and bookings do not coincide.
- Individual participating clubs will be responsible for agreeing to deconflict their respective players involved in net practices before the practice commences.
- Net practice when the upper (southernmost) pitch is in use is to be agreed with the Groundsman before the nets are used.

Use of Doo'cot Pavilion

The Doo'cot Pavilion has been refurbished recently at considerable cost and all users are to respect the building and fittings.

The Trust will:

- Maintain the building and internal fixtures and fittings.
- Ensure the building and services are safe, clean and secure.
- Provide lockers, tables and chairs and limited white goods in the kitchen areas.
- Provide suitable hot water and heating.
- Arrange for the pavilion to be cleaned during the cricket season.

- Provide secure equipment storage facilities for home teams adjacent to the pitches which will negate the need for team equipment to be left in the changing rooms overnight.

Users will:

- Leave the kitchen clean and free of foodstuffs.
- Tidy the club rooms after use.
- Tidy the changing and shower rooms after use.
- Be responsible for equipment storage during the close season.

Car Parking

Vehicles are only to be parked in the new car park on the Pitcullen Crescent side of the Pavilion. The access road to Kincarrathie House is to be kept clear at all times to enable access to Kincarrathie House by emergency vehicles. Vehicles are not to be parked in the area to the north of the Pavilion in the area between the Pavilion and the Gannochy Trust Office. On no account are vehicles to be parked on grass verges within Doo'cot Park.

Within the car park, vehicles are parked at the owner's risk and the Gannochy Trust is not liable for any losses incurred due to theft or damage due to vehicles colliding. Users should note that although there is a net and fence between the car park and cricket pitch, there is the possibility of vehicles being struck by cricket balls. Although the Gannochy Trust has made reasonable provision by erecting the net, it will not assume responsibility for any damage caused to vehicles by cricket balls. If the car park is full, vehicles should be parked outside the entrance to Kincarrathie House in the roads opposite.

The areas around Kincarrathie House and the Gannochy Trust Office are out of bounds to anyone visiting Doo'cot Park in connection with cricket.

Gannochy Trust Points of Contact

The points of contact within the Gannochy Trust are:

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Overall Responsibilities

The Gannochy Trust will be responsible for:

- Adherence to this policy by their staff.
- The upkeep of the cricket pitches to a safe and satisfactory standard.
- Booking matches and informing the Groundsman.

Participating teams will be responsible for:

- Adherence to this policy by their players.
- Adherence to this policy by visiting teams.
- Deconflicting net practices with other clubs.
- Maintaining good communications with the Groundsman.
- Internal communication of matches and/or practices being on or off.

I acknowledge receipt of this Policy Document and have informed the relevant staff/players of their responsibilities.

Gavin J Davey OBE

Name

General Manager

Position

Signed on behalf of the Gannochy Trust Signed on behalf of XXXX Cricket Club