



# PITCHPOWER CHEAT SHEET

## SPEED UP YOUR PITCHPOWER ASSESSMENT

A PitchPower assessment should take about 30 minutes per pitch to complete when following the questions in the app as you go. Instead head out and take this set of photos below on your phone which should take just 6 minutes per pitch, then you can upload the photos and complete the rest of the assessment when you're back inside in the warm with the wifi. Don't forget your soil sampler or spade and measuring tape.



Pitch number photo



Selfie video

### Pitch number

For multi pitch sites, take a photo of your fingers before taking the photos for each pitch to easily correlate which photos relate to which pitch! This will make it easier when you're back in the warm and have a picture gallery full of grass and soil photos on your phone!

Alternatively, if you have more than 5 pitches on the site (and therefore not enough fingers) take a quick selfie video before the photos of each pitch so you know which pitch that set of photos relate to when you're uploading later on.

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You'll need one of these photos or videos for each pitch and it should be the first thing you do at each pitch

You should have at least 11 photos or a maximum of 15 after each of your pitch number photos, depending on if you need to take additional photos of damage or pests.

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## Wide angled image

Take this from the goal line and if possible, use the widest lense on your camera to get as broad a view of the pitch as possible.

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## Line markings

Take this on any straight (or meant to be straight) line on the pitch. Don't worry if it's wonky, include it anyway so there is a true picture of the lines.

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## Damage / pests

Take one photo of each type of damage or evidence of pests if applicable such as tyre marks, rabbit or mole holes, or worm casts.

① ② ③ or ④

You may not need any of these pictures if your pitch has no damage, but you can take a maximum of 4.



Take the next three photos at goal mouth 1, then move to the centre circle and take the same three photos and finally move to goalmouth 2 and take the same three photos again.



## Grass height

Take this from an area that represents an average cut height for each part of the pitch as below for each pitch type. Get low to ensure a good photo of the measuring tape.

② or ③

5v5 - Goalmouth 1 & Centre Circle

7v7 - Goalmouth 1 & Centre Circle

9v9 - Goalmouth 1, Centre Circle & Goalmouth 2

11v11 - Goalmouth 1, Centre Circle & Goalmouth 2

## Grass / weed cover

Take this as a flat picture of an average area of that part of the pitch. Make sure there are no feet, equipment or lines in the photo.

② or ③

5v5 - Goalmouth 1 & Centre Circle

7v7 - Goalmouth 1 & Centre Circle

9v9 - Goalmouth 1, Centre Circle & Goalmouth 2

11v11 - Goalmouth 1, Centre Circle & Goalmouth 2



## Soil sample

Use a soil sampler or a spade. Make sure you can see some roots in the photo and that you have your tape measure positioned well.

② or ③

5v5 - Goalmouth 1 & Centre Circle

7v7 - Goalmouth 1 & Centre Circle

9v9 - Goalmouth 1, Centre Circle & Goalmouth 2

11v11 - Goalmouth 1, Centre Circle & Goalmouth 2



## Complete the rest of the assessment

Now that you've got your photos, head back inside into the warm and the wifi so you can complete the rest of the assessment. Completing the rest of the assessment should take about 10 minutes plus 5 minutes for every pitch you have (so 15 minutes for a 1 pitch site, 20 minutes for a two pitch site, 25 minutes for a 3 pitch site etc).

1. Visit [www.pitchpower.org.uk](http://www.pitchpower.org.uk) create an account and log in.
2. If you haven't already, join your organisation (e.g. Lordswood Youth FC, Gravesham Borough Council or Herne Bay High School) and then add the ground to your organisation (e.g. Bayham Road Playing Fields). Then add a new sport to the ground and select "Football". Add your pitches to the site by selecting the manage pitches option.
3. When you're ready, click begin assessment and complete any sections that have a yellow icon indicating the section is incomplete.

You'll be asked to upload the photos you took earlier as you go through and enter the measurements. As long as the photo is a good one, the Grounds Management Association can amend the measurements if you enter them inaccurately so don't worry too much about them being 100% correct.

Don't forget you'll need to enter the following as you go through the assessment.

- Budget - roughly how much you spend annually on maintenance and renovations
- Cancellations - how often you have to cancel matches on each pitch (past 6 months)
- Drainage - if you have drainage installed, what type and year it was installed
- Equipment - what non-contractor machinery or equipment you use on the site
- Fixtures - how many hours match play and training each pitch gets on average per week (in season)

Beware of the end of the assessment windows as if you start but don't complete before the end of a window, your data will be automatically wiped.

- Window 1 - 1st September to 31st October
- Window 2 - 1st November to 31st March (*Compulsory window if in receipt of funding*)
- Window 3 - 1st April to 30th June

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