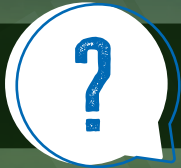


WORKING WITH PITCH MAINTENANCE CONTRACTORS

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WE ASKED: WHAT ARE THE MOST IMPORTANT FACTORS WHEN CHOOSING A PITCH MAINTENANCE CONTRACTOR?



YOU SAID:

QUALITY OF SERVICE

RANGE OF SERVICES/EQUIPMENT

AVAILABILITY/FLEXIBILITY

PRICE

CUSTOMER SERVICE

**TECHNICAL KNOWLEDGE &
UNDERSTANDING**

CLARITY/HONESTY

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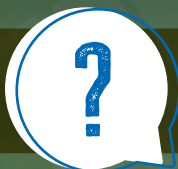
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WE ASKED: WHAT ADVICE WOULD YOU GIVE TO OTHERS WHEN CHOOSING A PITCH MAINTENANCE CONTRACTOR TO WORK WITH?



YOU SAID:

“VISIT OTHER CLUBS AND SITES THAT THE CONTRACTOR LOOKS AFTER AND OBTAIN REFERENCES.”

“GET RECOMMENDATIONS FROM OTHER CLUBS, NOT JUST ON PRICE BUT ALSO ON RELIABILITY.”

“SPEAK TO OTHER CLUBS IN THE AREA, WORD OF MOUTH REFERRALS ARE KEY.”

“APPOINT SOMEONE WHO IS HELPFUL AND HAPPY TO EXPLAIN THINGS CLEARLY TO VOLUNTEERS WHO HAVE LIMITED UNDERSTANDING OF PITCH MAINTENANCE.”

“SHOP AROUND – GATHER MULTIPLE QUOTES FOR THE WORK THAT NEEDS TO BE CARRIED OUT.”

“CLARIFY SERVICES ON OFFER AND AGREE A MAINTENANCE PLAN WITH THE CONTRACTOR TO DETERMINE EXACTLY WHAT YOU WANT DOING AND WHEN. MONITOR THIS PLAN TO SEE IF THE CONTRACTOR CAN ALSO CARRY OUT AD HOC REPAIRS E.G. GOAL MOUTHS.”

“FIND A SPECIALIST CONTRACTOR WHO CAN BE FLEXIBLE TO WORK WITH YOUR BUDGET, AND PROVIDE ADVICE, KNOWLEDGE AND EXPERTISE THAT YOU MIGHT NOT HAVE IN-HOUSE, PARTICULARLY IF YOU ARE NEW TO PITCH MAINTENANCE.”

“ARRANGE SITE VISITS WITH CONTRACTORS TO GET A FEEL FOR WHO BEST MEETS THE NEEDS OF YOUR CLUB.”

“SPEAK TO OTHER LOCAL CLUBS ABOUT THE CONTRACTORS THEY USE AND ASK THEM ABOUT THE QUALITY OF SERVICE THEY RECEIVE, CONTRACTOR KNOWLEDGE, REPUTATION AND PRICE.”

“FIND SOMEONE WHO CAN MAINTAIN YOUR PITCH AT THE INTERVALS YOU NEED. HAVING YOUR PITCH MARKED OUT THE DAY AFTER A GAME IS NO GOOD! SIMILARLY DOING THE RIGHT TYPE OF WORK AT THE RIGHT TIME OF YEAR IS ESSENTIAL TO KEEPING YOUR PITCH IN GREAT CONDITION.”

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