



City of Greater Bendigo

Turf Wicket Maintenance Guidelines for Football and Cricket Clubs



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The City of Greater Bendigo has developed the following guidelines to provide all football and cricket clubs who share turf wicket sporting grounds with an outline and understanding of their and the City's responsibilities.

The City has turf wicket tables at major sporting ovals across the municipality. Club curators from both football and cricket clubs, together with City staff will work together to ensure quality turf wickets for the cricketing community.

The wicket table is a concentrated area of the ground which requires additional attention and cooperation between both football and cricket clubs. Evidence demonstrates the stronger the relationship between both clubs, the better the wicket table all year round.

The quality of a turf wicket surface is best achieved when care and consideration of the surface is taken all year round and responsibility for this lies with both football and cricket clubs.

It's important for both clubs to communicate on a regular basis to ensure that turf wickets are well looked after to ensure the best outcome for all.

AFL Victoria, Cricket Victoria and the Minister for Tourism, Sport and Major Events have made a commitment at a state level to determine the applicable dates of football and cricket seasons and expected responsibility levels. This will also be supported at a local level: [Season Determinant](#)

For any queries or issues please contact the City's Active and Healthy Lifestyles team on 1300 002 642.

SUMMER	
City of Greater Bendigo responsibilities	Cricket Club responsibilities
Supply wicket soil for wicket curators for top dressing (as needed)	Prepare the wicket in readiness for competition
Liaise with the curator to arrange irrigation in run ups and wicket areas	Communicate with the City when games are scheduled outside of competition draws
Mow the wicket surrounds on a regular schedule. Mowing will only take place if the wicket is free of equipment*	Liaise with the City to allow wicket recovery and irrigation in the run up and wicket areas
Support curators with advice on wicket conditions where possible	Coordinate wicket covers to be on the pitch or off the ground entirely to provide access for ground maintenance works
	In addition to wicket tables cricket clubs should aim to rotate training drills around the ground and avoid high wear areas such as goal and centre squares

**If equipment is left out, the club will be responsible for mowing the wicket.*

WINTER	
City of Greater Bendigo responsibilities	Football Club responsibilities
Roll the wicket tables when possible	Communicate and confirm which football or cricket club will cover the wicket table when rain is forecast
Irrigate as required for weekend sport	Communicate and agree which football or cricket club will rope off the wicket table during the week where possible especially during wet weather. All club members must respect the roped off areas
	Football club to liaise with cricket club regarding access to wicket covers
	In addition to wicket tables football clubs should aim to rotate training drills around the ground and avoid high wear areas such as goal and centre squares