



Cláirseacha na Sceirí

Cumann C.L.G. agus Camógaíochta Chláirseacha Na Sceirí

(SKERRIES HARPS G.A.A. and Camogie Club)

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Pitch Management Plan

- We have the use of 5 pitches as a club. The Main Pitch, Townparks, Ballast Pit, Kellys Bay (restricted to 4 hours per week) and Newbridge House.
- Due to the number of teams in the club, we have a greater demand for pitches than we have facilities. The club are constantly looking at ways of trying to source more pitches but it is a difficult job. If anyone has any contacts or help they can give in this area, please step up.
- We have a Club caretaker who looks after the Main Pitch, we also have a pitch committee who decide on if and when the pitch is open/closed.
- The “daily” condition of the Main pitch dictates whether it is open or closed and this is updated on the Club website before 5pm each day.
- All other pitches we use are dictated/maintained by the council, who only check them once a week and then decide by lunch hour on a Friday if they are open/closed for the **NEXT 7 DAYS**
- There is no set timeframe for when the main pitch is open or closed, it is mainly dependent on it's current condition and required fixtures.
- During the darker months, and in sustained periods of bad weather it may be closed more often, this is only common sense as continued usage in poor conditions will destroy the surface and we will have no pitch to play on.
- Again due to the volume of traffic on our only floodlit grass pitch, usage has to try and be balanced as much as possible and be fair to all.

Notes:

- Generally the pitch is closed for December/January, to rest it properly and due to the usual bad weather.
- Due to the demands on the main pitch, resodding/rolling/forking/sanding and other work is done around current demands. **See end of season in 2018 for delays!**
- For the last 2 years, when teams are finished their competitive seasons their training slots on the main pitch cease. This is to reduce unnecessary traffic on the pitch. This particular point has met with some complaints. Again this is about maintenance of the pitch and being fair to all. Being proactive with this knowledge should allow mentors, to plan in advance, an alternative solution for training should they wish to continue training after their season ends.