



# RUGBY FOOTBALL UNION

## PERMISSION FOR THE USE OF ARTIFICIAL GRASS PITCHES

The Rugby Football Union (RFU) acknowledges receipt of a successful Field Test Report for Artificial Grass Pitches for Rugby from **Burnage RFC** for the pitch at **Varley Park**.

Permission is granted by the Rugby Football Union (RFU) to use the Artificial Playing Surface at the **Varley Park** for all training and competitive matches by the **Burnage RFC and other users** from **16<sup>th</sup> September 2010** until **15<sup>th</sup> September 2012** subject to the following conditions as set out in IRB Regulation 22 'IRB Performance Specification for Artificial Surfaces for Rugby':


1. those requesting the use of the Artificial Playing Surface for Rugby must ensure that the provisions of Law 1.1 are applied.
2. the permission shall, in the first instance, be granted for a defined period of two years from the date of the Field Test, following which the RFU may review the suitability/performance of the pitch in terms of safety and related matters;
3. the RFU retains absolute discretion in relation to the withdrawal of the permission and/or the imposition of further and/or amended conditions of permission to use the pitch;
4. this permission does not constitute and/or imply an endorsement by the IRB or the RFU of the pitch or such pitches concerned;

In addition, the following conditions as set by the RFU apply:

5. **Burnage RFC** must follow the regulations detailed in the RFU Handbook for the use of artificial surfaces; (RFU Handbook 2010-11: Regulation 13.7.2)
6. **Burnage RFC and other users** should monitor and log injuries sustained by players participating on the pitch in line with the normal injury reporting procedures set out by the RFU;
7. **Burnage RFC** will ensure all necessary maintenance is undertaken by both internal staff and external contractors where necessary, using the appropriate maintenance machinery as advised by the manufacturer of the Artificial Playing Surface, to ensure the Surface retains the performance requirements of IRB Regulation. **Burnage RFC** will maintain a log of all maintenance undertaken. This should be requested from the contracted installer if not made available;

In order that permission may be sought to continue to use the artificial playing surface after the initial period of two years from the date permission is granted [above], **Burnage RFC** should ensure that the artificial playing surface is re-tested within 3 months of the end of the two year period as identified, and thereafter every two years. Permission will only be granted if the artificial playing surface passes the field test.

The field test report should be in the format identified in the RFU 'Artificial Grass Pitches for Rugby and Association Football – Performance Standards and Design Guides for Community Use Pitches and Training Areas' document available on [www.rfu.com/facilities](http://www.rfu.com/facilities)

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