

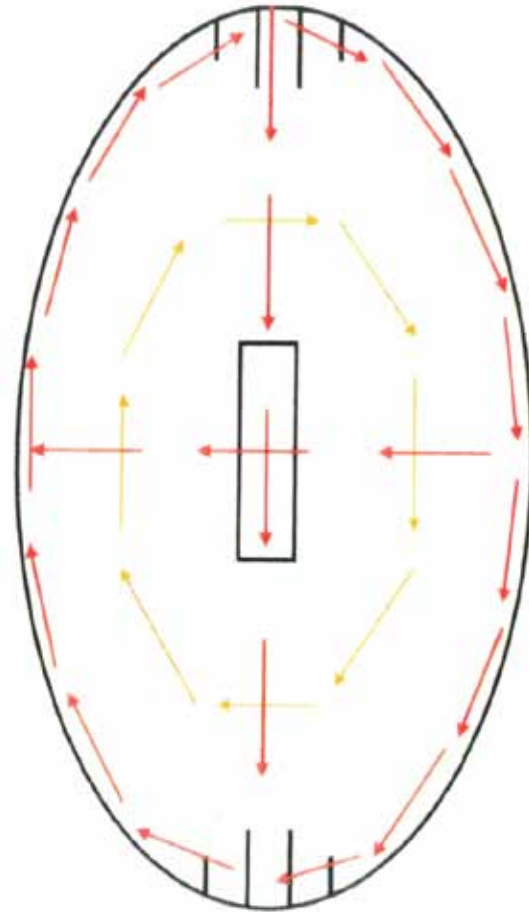


Good Practice Sports Ground Inspection (GPSGI) Form: Training Notes

- Observing
- Assessing &
- Making a decision

Observing

- Take a few minutes to scan and observe the ground.
- Review the Good Practice Sports Ground Inspection Form (GPSGI).
- Read observation notes.
- Walk around and across the ground.
- Complete the GPSGI.



Ground profile

- Overall judgment on whether the ground is safe for play.
- Is further, objective testing required?
- For ground to be UNSAFE there must be clear evidence that likelihood and consequences of the surface “issue” leads to unreasonable player risk.

Grass Cover

- Are there weeds, tussocks or bare patches that could cause stability problems for players?
- Is the grass length or variations across the ground likely to cause a player to trip?
- Use this information to indicate if the ground surface safety the grass cover conditions are SAFE. Answer YES or NO.
- If you answer YES to either question the surface is potentially UNSAFE.

Grass Cover - Your Call



Surface evenness

- Are bare areas at such different levels to grass to cause stability or tripping hazards?
- Are there holes, undulations, worn areas, or sprinkler areas that might cause trips?
- Are there variations in evenness between the cricket pitch area and surrounds that might cause players to trip?

Surface evenness - Your call



Ground hardness / Shock absorbency

- Are the ground conditions in terms of softness, firmness or hardness an issue for player safety?
- Are there any hard bare areas that might be an issue for player safety?
- Are there any other hard areas on the ground that might be an issue for player safety?

Ground hardness - Your call



Grip or slip

- Are there cracks greater than 3-5mm anywhere on the ground?
- Is it likely that a player wearing studded boots would slip on the ground?
- Is it likely that a player wearing studded boots would get their foot caught in the ground?
- Are there sections of the ground with different surface characteristics that might cause a player to slip or get a foot caught?

Slip or grip –Your call



Physical Hazards

- Is there debris (glass, stones, windrows, faeces etc) on the ground?
- Are sprinkler heads uncovered and / or not level with ground?
- Is there unsafe and / or unsecured perimeter fencing and signage?

Physical Hazards - Your call



You must remember this:

- Most ground surfaces are in less than ideal condition but are still fit for play provided the **PHYSICAL HAZARDS** are well managed.
- If you are concerned about an aspect of a ground indicate this on the GPSGI form.
- You can always recommend further testing be conducted.

Review

- If in doubt you should recommend further testing (hardness, grip etc).
- You can also recommend ground maintenance (mowing, levelling etc).



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