

Pitch Marking Trials

Via Play-Cricket Pitch Marking Questionnaire which the away team only completes and is in the same place as the Don Crouch Report.

Rationale: To gain a better picture of the standard of cricket pitches in the league and to help identify poor pitches easily (with supporting evidence) so support can be provided to help improve them moving forward.

Marks to be monitored monthly by the Somerset Groundsman's Association and if there are a number of low scores at the same ground, a support visit will be arranged to help clubs improve their pitches.

This evidence can be used by clubs to help with funding applications for machinery/or Groundwork to highlight a need.

Pitch Mark	Guide
5	Pitch Very high standard for this level of cricket. No variations in bounce, good carry to 'keeper and no exaggerated spin or seam movement.
4	Pitch Very consistent with only one or two variations as above
3	Pitch adequate for this standard of cricket though perhaps a little lacking in bounce or some inconsistency.
2	Pitch not really good enough for this level of cricket. Not properly or clearly marked out. Inconsistent or very low or exaggerated bounce, spin or seam as too dry or too wet or grass too long. (Please explain in comments box.)

Outfield Mark	Guide
5	Outfield well mown and short with no obvious indentations or grass cuttings lying. No ground induced difficulties for fielders.
4	Outfield with very few signs of indentations, lying grass or difficult bounces.
3	Outfield perfectly playable though a little longer than desired or some grass cuttings. Evidence of some winter sports damage not fully repaired.
2	Outfield too long or recently cut with excessive cuttings lying affecting ball roll. Winter sports/animal damage not repaired or too wet or slippery / cracking as too dry. (Please explain in comments box.)

1	Pitch unsuitable for this standard of cricket. 'Dead' bounce or 'jumping' unpredictably, excessive spin or seam movement. Surface appears not to have been rolled. Not marked out properly or clearly, too wet or a 'dust bowl' or grass much too long. (Please explain in comments box.)
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1	Outfield almost unplayable. Too long, major problems with recent grass cuttings, dangerous ruts, animal damage not repaired or too wet or slippery / cracking as too dry. (Please explain in comments box.)
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