

## SECURITY OF TENURE GUIDANCE

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| Freehold                                       | Eligible for funding. No additional Security of Tenure conditions would normally apply.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                  |
| Lease – over 10 years                          | Eligible for funding. No additional Security of Tenure conditions would normally apply where a minimum of 10 years remains on the lease.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                 |
| Lease – under 10 years                         | Funding may be considered where written evidence is provided demonstrating that the lease will be extended to provide a minimum of 10 years' remaining tenure.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                           |
| License – plus 10 years remaining              | Eligible for funding, subject to the following conditions: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• If the licence arrangement is terminated, the club must notify the funder within five working days.</li> <li>• The club must provide details of any proposed relocation site.</li> <li>• Any change of site will require a new Pitch Assessment Report from the Regional Pitch Advisor.</li> </ul>                                                                   |
| Protected Sports Association/Trust Arrangement | Eligible for funding subject to receipt of written confirmation from the governing trust, charity, or sports association demonstrating: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• The site is legally protected for sporting use.</li> <li>• The duration of that protection or arrangement.</li> <li>• Evidence in writing of the trust/ sport associations intent to ensure continued access of the football club to the facility for a minimum of 10 years.</li> </ul> |
| Rolling annual agreement/ verbal Agreement     | Not eligible for funding. This arrangement does not provide sufficient long-term security of tenure to justify investment.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                               |

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| No formal agreement in place       | Not eligible for funding. Without a formal agreement, there is no demonstrable security of tenure and funding cannot be awarded.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                      |
| School x Football clubs agreements | <p><b>Conditions that would need to be met for a single club using a school site, the application must be submitted by the club and be supported by the following:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• A letter from the school confirming that the equipment belongs to the club and that, should the club relocate from the site, the equipment will remain the property of the club and move with them.</li> <li>• A usage schedule outlining both school and club usage of the pitches. This should demonstrate that the grass pitches receive, on average, at least 8 hours of use per week.</li> <li>• Clear details of how the club will access the equipment outside of school operating hours.</li> <li>• A letter of commitment from the school confirming its intention to allow the club use of the facility for a minimum period of 10 years.</li> <li>• Details of the proposed maintenance plan, including whether maintenance will be undertaken by the school or the club. Please note that if the school intends to carry out the maintenance, evidence of a completed GMA Level 1 course, or an equivalent qualification, must also be provided.</li> <li>• Evidence of greater club use than once a week/ 1 team use.</li> </ul> <p><b>Conditions for multi-club or hub sites:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• A schedule showing all school and club usage of the pitches.</li> <li>• A list of all clubs that will benefit from the funded equipment.</li> <li>• Written confirmation from the school that participating clubs will continue to have access for a minimum of 10 years.</li> </ul> |

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|  | <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• A clear explanation of how clubs will access the equipment outside school hours.</li><li>• Details of who is responsible for pitch maintenance and equipment management.</li><li>• Evidence of secure storage arrangements and responsibility for insurance.</li><li>• A commitment to notify the funder within five working days of any significant reduction or cessation of community club access.</li><li>• Evidence that access arrangements are equitable and that no single user group has exclusive control of the funded equipment.</li></ul> |
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