



2024 PRE-SEASON GROUNDS MANAGEMENT TRAINING SEMINAR

Location and Timing

The above seminar will be held on Saturday 23rd March at Abbotskerswell Cricket Club, Two Mile Oak, Totnes Rd, Abbotskerswell, TQ12 6DF.

The event will begin at 10am and will finish before 3pm. Attendees are welcome to attend particular sessions, if unable to stay for the whole day

Refreshments will be served on arrival between 9am - 10.00am, with hot bacon rolls available for the first hour. Any other food to be provided by the attendee, although tea and coffee will also be available during the day

Agenda

A copy of the proposed agenda is on the next page.

Please note that this may be subject to some slight variations.

Attendance

In order to confirm numbers and to reserve your place, please contact Nick Goodliffe nick.goodliffe@devoncricket.co.uk or call on 17801 178329 by no later than Friday 8th March 2024. Confirmation can also be done by clicking the relevant [link](#) on the Devon Cricket website, Grounds Events feature news article.

Who will Benefit

- Existing club groundsmen wanting to refresh themselves on best practices and also to know about new initiatives and tools that are being provided through governing body and GMA
- New club groundskeepers wanting to understand the preferred methods and best practices for preparing the squares and pitches for play
- Women cricketers interested to know about how they can protect playing surfaces on match days and assist to get pitches ready for play.

Key Learnings

The attendees will gain an understanding of;

- The principles and importance of each task carried out in the session (see agenda)
- How to carry out the task in a safe manner using most effective techniques
- Selecting the correct tools required for the task being undertaken
- Adopt best practice when carrying out the task



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Saturday 23rd March 2024

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9.30 -10.00 Meet, coffee, bacon rolls

10.00 – 10.10	Welcome & Introductions	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Welcome to Abbots Plan for the day and general introductions. 	Paul Mitchell Nick Goodliffe
10.10 – 10.40	Pre-Season Maintenance –	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Checking and maintaining ground equipment Planning for the season, setting out the square Checking, removing debris and minor repairs Mowing, reducing the cut height of the square Pre-season rolling 	Paul Mitchell Peter Woodman
10.40 – 11.25	PRACTICAL DEMO	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Square cutting – a practical introduction to battery powered mowers including demonstration on new mower technology 	DGM / Dennis / Sisis
11.25 – 12.00	PRACTICAL DEMO	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Pitch protection leading up to match Pitch protection on match day 	Paul Mitchell Peter Woodman
12.00 – 12.40	Pitch Prep	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> 10 day rule Mower type, cutting heights, Wetting the pitch, Drying a pitch Brushing, raking, mowing Rolling Marking out the pitch 	Charlie Woolnough Colin Whitehall
12.40 – 13.15 Lunch Break – PLUS Demonstration in the club house			
12.40 – 13.15	Over lunch	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Introducing the online GMA toolkit for groundskeepers What is PitchPower ? – an overview for clubs 	Nick Goodliffe
13.15 – 14.00	PRACTICAL DEMO	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Getting the outfield ready Outfield pitch maintenance machinery, including working demonstration of compact tractor, Sisis Quadraplay Turf Maintenance and Major Roller mower Practical demonstration of robotic GPS mowers on the outfield. 	DGM / Dennis / Sisis
14.00– 14.30	Summing Up and Q&A	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> An audience with our pitch advisors – general Q&A on any pitch preparation related issues Summing up of the day and actions resulting View equipment and talk to sales personnel 	CPA's / DGM / Dennis – Sisis

14.45 – Event Ends