

Gordano School All Weather Pitch Footwear Policy

Gordano School, with the financial help of GSCT, Sport England and the National Hockey Foundation has a brand new all-weather pitch. It is essential that the correct clean footwear is worn at all times to protect the lifetime of the pitch, which is why we have produced this clear and simple guide. The pitch surface at Gordano is a sand dressed surface, this is different to a 3G, 4G or a sand filled pitch and therefore has different requirements to ensure your safety and enjoyment of sport.

Due to the shorter pile length on a sand dressed artificial pitch this makes football and rugby studded footwear unsuitable. Wearing them increases the risk of turning over on your ankle, additional stress on your knees and will also significantly reduce the lifetime of the pitch surface. Wearing a flat soled trainer will compress the carpet pile, and provide insufficient grip for the player, therefore increasing the risk of injury.

Regular inspections of footwear will take place and anyone wearing incorrect footwear will be asked to leave the facility.

RECOMMENDED		NOT PERMITTED	
	Astro Trainer Dimpled Sole ✓		Football Boots Blades ✗
	Astro Trainer Dimpled Sole ✓		Football Boots Studs ✗
	Astro Trainer Dimpled Sole ✓		Football Boots Rubber Studs ✗
PERMITTED (but not recommended)			Football Boots Hybrid Studs ✗
	Training Shoe Flat Sole		

If you are unsure of whether your footwear meets the requirements, please speak to a member of PE or GSCT staff.