

# Comhairle Uladh

## Ulster Council G.A.A.



### ESSENTIAL GROUND MAINTENANCE

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Current restrictions enacted in response to Covid-19 pandemic require persons to stay at home. The restrictions do permit for essential works to be undertaken to maintain non essential businesses. Clubs & counties should take a practical approach with respect to continuation of pitch maintenance and property checks. If works are not essential then they should not take place.

If maintenance or property checks have to take place then the person will need a letter on club headed paper to show PSNI, Garda or other relevant body (this can be provided via email to display on phone). A template of the required letter is circulated with this note.

The person should also carry some form of identification and should wear club/county logoed clothing if they have same.

Essential pitch maintenance can continue provided;

- The persons undertaking the works should as far as possible be the usual person designated to undertake such work at the club.
- All persons undertaking works must be informed of the HSE/PHA advice re social distancing and they have to confirm they are not sick and not under any restrictions that would prevent them working as per advice from health officials. Posters / information advice as obtainable from the HSE/PHA websites should be displayed at clubs.
- Social distancing and other advice from HSE must be adhered to.
- Equipment should only be used by designated persons and will need additional cleaning after each use by the designated person.
- PPE must not be shared and should be cleaned after use.

Clubs might also need to conduct security checks on the property and water systems may require flushing to prevent legionella.

If the persons who regularly do this work are unavailable and somebody else needs to take on these duties the club will need to ensure these persons are competent to undertake the tasks. In the event of an accident the GAA club will be considered to be their employer from a liability point of view and is thus legally responsible for ensuring that the persons undertaking such tasks are competent to do so.

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