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To Board of Education

From Denise Gail Saddler, Ed. D., Interim Superintendent
Preston Thomas, Chief Systems & Services Officer
Pranita Ranbhise, Executive Director, Facilities Planning & Management

Meeting Date January 14, 2026

Subject Agreement Between United States Soccer Federation, Inc. (“USSF”) and Oakland Unified School District for the installation of the FIFA Arena Mini-Pitch Project at Montera Middle School

Ask of the Board Approve Oakland Unified School District’s participation in the FIFA Arena Project and authorize implementation of one FIFA-donated mini football pitch at Montera Middle School, located at 5555 Ascot Drive, Oakland, California.

Background The FIFA Arena Project is a global initiative led by the Fédération Internationale de Football Association (FIFA) to expand access to safe, high-quality, small-sided football facilities that promote youth development, physical activity, and community connection. Through this pilot phase, FIFA—working through the U.S. Soccer Federation (USSF)—will donate and install a mini football pitch at Montera Middle School.

FIFA has committed to constructing at least 1,000 mini football pitches worldwide as part of its FIFA Arena Project, prioritizing schools and community-serving public sites. As a FIFA Member Association, the U.S. Soccer Federation facilitates local participation in the program.

Discussion Montera Middle School was identified as an appropriate pilot location due to its available outdoor space, strong student participation in athletics, and alignment with District goals to enhance campus amenities that support physical activity and community use.

Under the proposed agreement, FIFA will provide the mini-pitch system, including artificial turf, rebound boards, goals, and netting, and will oversee delivery and installation. The District's responsibilities include site preparation, sub-base construction, permitting, ongoing operations, and maintenance. This partnership advances OUSD's goals of expanding equitable access to high-quality recreational spaces and supporting student wellness and community engagement.

Project Scope:

FIFA / U.S. Soccer Federation will donate, deliver, and install one FIFA Arena mini football pitch (20m x 40m), including artificial turf, goals, rebound boards, netting, and technical oversight, and will coordinate shipping and customs clearance.

Oakland Unified School District will prepare the site and sub-base per FIFA guidelines, obtain required permits, provide site security during construction, install and monitor a time-lapse camera, and assume long-term operation and maintenance following handover.

Fiscal Impact The mini-pitch equipment and installation are fully funded by FIFA through the FIFA Arena Project. The District will be responsible for costs associated with:

- Sub-base preparation and site readiness.
- Permitting and inspections.
- Ongoing maintenance and operations.

These costs will be covered through existing Facilities sources.

Attachment(s) ● FIFA Arena Mini-Pitch Recipient Agreement (U.S. Soccer Federation – Oakland Unified School District)
● FIFA Arena Project Overview and Technical Guidelines



**MINI PITCH RECIPIENT AGREEMENT
FIFA ARENA PROJECT**

This Agreement is made and entered into by and between United States Soccer Federation, Inc. (“USSF”) and Oakland Unified School District (“Recipient”), located at 1011 Union Street, Oakland, California, 94607, USA. This Agreement is effective as of the date both parties have executed the contract.

WHEREAS, Fédération Internationale de Football Association (“FIFA”) has initiated the FIFA Arena Project (“Project”) the purpose of which is to install mini soccer pitches, sized 20 x 40 meters with artificial turf (“Mini Pitches”), in schools and communities within its Member Association territories in order to promote grassroots development of the sport of soccer for boys and girls in its Member Association territories;

WHEREAS, USSF and FIFA have entered a Protocol of Agreement whereby USSF, as a FIFA Member Association, has the opportunity to facilitate placement and installation of two Mini Pitches in the United States during the Project’s current phase;

WHEREAS, USSF and Recipient have discussed the Project, including a recipient’s responsibilities related to the Project, including the technical, preparation, maintenance, financial, and other requirements of becoming a recipient;

WHEREAS, Recipient has received and reviewed FIFA’s Technical Guidelines for the Project;

WHEREAS, Recipient has indicated its desire to become a recipient of a FIFA Mini Pitch through the Project and accordingly, USSF has communicated to FIFA that Recipient will accept the Mini Pitch according to the required terms;

WHEREAS, the installation location for Recipient’s Mini Pitch will be: Montera Middle School, 5555 Ascot Drive, Oakland, California, 94611, USA (the “Site”);

WHEREAS, pursuant to the Protocol of Agreement between FIFA and USSF, FIFA has agreed, at its sole cost and expense, to deliver a Mini Pitch to the Site and have it installed according to the manufacturer’s recommendations and the Technical Guidelines; and

NOW THEREFORE, the parties wish to formalize the terms of Recipient’s acceptance of the FIFA Mini Pitch as follows:

1. **Recipient Obligations.** Recipient agrees to undertake the following obligations related to the Project:
 - a. **Subbase Preparation and Expense:** Recipient shall ensure the preparation of a suitable subbase infrastructure to support the Mini Pitch installation, adhering to FIFA’s Technical Guidelines for the Project that were provided to Recipient by USSF. Recipient shall bear all costs, expenses, and liabilities in connection with the subbase preparation at the Site. Recipient agrees to use best efforts to complete the subbase preparation by November 15, 2025, and understands that a



delay in the readiness of the subbase may result in a delay or cancellation of its receipt of a Mini Pitch.

- b. Permissions, Permits, Authorizations: Recipient shall obtain and bear the expense for all necessary permits and approvals from local authorities or otherwise for the Mini Pitch installation, Time Lapse Camera, and related works and operation.
- c. Security of the Site: Recipient is and will remain solely responsible for the security of the Site at all times during which the Mini Pitch is installed.
- d. Mini Pitch Operations and Maintenance: Following the installation of the Mini Pitch at the Site, Recipient shall (i) maintain the Mini Pitch in accordance with the Technical Guidelines; (ii) maintain the FIFA branding on each Mini Pitch; (iii) not modify the FIFA branding or permit any other branding to be utilized on the Mini Pitch without USSF's and FIFA's prior consent; and (iv) ensure that the Mini Pitch is used primarily for soccer development purposes for girls and boys. The maintenance obligations described in this Section shall be further set forth in a "Handover Agreement" which shall be executed following the installation of the Mini Pitch at the Site, through which Recipient will confirm acceptance and ownership of the Mini Pitch and affirm the foregoing obligations. For the avoidance of doubt, Recipient will be solely responsible for the operations of the Mini Pitch, and neither USSF nor FIFA shall have any liability or obligations with respect to the use, operations, or maintenance of the Mini Pitch. This Section shall survive the term of this Agreement.
- e. Insurance: At all times while the Mini Pitch is installed at the Site, Recipient shall maintain, at its expense:
 - i. Worker's Compensation Insurance, including occupational diseases Coverage A with statutory limits, including broad form All States endorsement Employer's Liability Coverage B - \$1,000,000 limit. If Recipient is exempt from the Statutory Requirement to provide Workers' Compensation Insurance, they must provide a copy of the state exemption certificate or a representation letter from a company officer stating they are exempt and will take full responsibility for any work-related injuries of their employees. Recipient, at its expense, shall cause its Worker's Compensation carrier to waive insurer's right of subrogation with respect to USSF, and its respective directors, officers, partners, employees, agents, licensees, assigns, insurers, (collectively, the "USSF INSUREDS") to the extent described herein.
 - ii. Commercial General Liability Insurance written on the most current ISO occurrence form or broader with no additional exclusions and including products liability, completed operations, blanket contractual liability, bodily injury, personal injury, broad form property damage, and third party property damage, that shall be primary, not contributing coverage, and



contain a cross-liability endorsement naming USSF INSUREDS as Additional Insureds, with the following limits of liability: each occurrence \$2,000,000 Combined Single Limit, Aggregate \$2,000,000 Combined Single Limit.

- iii. If an automobile is used in connection with the performance of Recipient's obligations under this Agreement, Commercial Automobile Liability Insurance insuring the ownership, maintenance, or use of any owned, non-owned, hired or borrowed automobile used in the performance of Recipient's obligations under this Agreement, naming USSF INSUREDS as Additional Insureds, with the following limits of liability: Bodily Injury and Property Damage Liability, each occurrence \$1,000,000 Combined Single Limit.

THE USSF INSURED's additional insured status must be primary with respect to Recipient's activities and the USSF's policies will be non-contributing. Original certificates of insurance, and if required by Recipient's policies, certified copies of endorsements, naming the USSF INSUREDS as Additional Insureds as required above must be delivered at least ten (10) days before the commencement of the Mini Pitch installation. Each such certificate shall be signed by an authorized agent of the insurance company or insurance broker and shall provide that at least thirty (30) days notice shall be given to USSF prior to any cancellation, non-renewal or modification.

Certificate Holder: U.S. Soccer Federation, Inc., 461 Sandy Creek Rd., Fayetteville, GA 30214.

- f. Indemnification: Recipient agrees to indemnify and hold harmless USSF and its affiliates, directors, officers, employees, consultants, agents, and representatives of, from and against any and all claims, demands, judgments, fees or assessments of any kind brought by any third parties with respect to the provision of the Mini Pitch hereunder, any use of the Mini Pitch that is provided pursuant to this Agreement, or any incident occurring on or condition related to the Site or areas surrounding the Site. This Section shall survive the term of this Agreement.
- g. Communication: Recipient agrees to inform USSF of any delay or problem related to the Project as soon as possible after such delay or problem occurs or becomes reasonably foreseeable. Recipient agrees to designate a Project Manager, who will be primarily responsible for ensuring the subbase and Mini Pitch are installed on schedule and in adherence with the Technical Guidelines. The Project Manager will remain reasonably available to provide updates to USSF until the Handover Agreement has been executed by both USSF and Recipient.
- h. Time Lapse Camera: A condition of participation in the FIFA Arena Project is that FIFA receive time lapse video footage of the Mini Pitch site that runs continuously from before the subbase is installed until the installation is completed. Upon timely



receipt of a time lapse camera (“Camera”) from USSF, Recipient agrees to (i) obtain any necessary permits for the Camera’s installation; (ii) securely install the Camera in a location with a full and unobstructed view of the Site; (iii) ensure the Camera is installed and operational before the subbase installation begins, or as soon as possible after receipt of the Camera, whichever is earlier; (iv) regularly ensure the Camera is operational and recording the Site; (v) attend to and use best efforts to resolve any problems with the Camera or its footage, view, or location promptly upon discovery and notify USSF of the same; and (vi) uninstall and return the Camera to USSF within fifteen (15) days of the installation being completed or the Handover Agreement being signed, whichever is earlier.

2. **USSF Responsibilities.** USSF agrees to undertake the following responsibilities and obligations related to the Project:
 - a. Customs Clearance and Expense: USSF shall obtain customs clearance for the delivery of the Mini Pitch equipment and supplementary equipment, and bear full responsibility for any duties or import taxes associated with the Mini Pitch equipment if so imposed by any taxing authority.
 - b. Coordination with FIFA and Vendor: USSF will facilitate communication between Recipient and FIFA, or the installation vendor, as necessary and reasonable throughout this Agreement’s term.
 - c. Supply of Time Lapse Camera: USSF will supply Recipient with the Camera that conforms with FIFA’s specifications for documentation of the Project at the Site. Recipient’s responsibilities related to the Time Lapse Camera are described in Section 1(h).
3. **Recipient Warranty.** Recipient warrants that it owns, or is currently tenant to a long-term lease of, the property where the Mini Pitch Site will be located.
4. **No USSF Warranties.** USSF makes no representations or warranties, express or implied, as to any matter including, but not limited to, implied warranties of fitness, merchantability, or otherwise related to the Mini Pitch or any component thereof, or any other entities, including the installation vendor, and their services. Except in the event of negligence or wrongful misconduct on the part of USSF, USSF will not be liable for any damages or any kind including, but not limited to, personal injury, lost profits, or other consequential, exemplary, incidental, or punitive damages arising out of this Agreement or the obligations hereunder. This Section shall survive the term of this Agreement.
5. **Use of Marks.** This Agreement does not confer or grant any rights, privileges or use of FIFA or USSF marks or other intellectual property, except to the extent (i) the FIFA branding is preexisting on the Mini Pitch materials as installed or replaced and are required to be maintained; and (ii) Recipient wishes to hold an inaugural event to promote or advertise the Mini Pitch or Project, such event may be held at or in view of the Mini Pitch and FIFA branding thereon, so long as the event is not commercial in nature and the details



of the event are communicated to FIFA in advance. This Section shall survive the term of this Agreement.

6. **Term.** This Agreement is coterminous with the Protocol of Agreement between USSF and FIFA, which ends at the end of the “pilot phase” of the FIFA Arena Project, as defined by and interpreted in the FIFA-USSF Protocol of Agreement.

7. **Termination.**

a. If Recipient terminates this Agreement after FIFA has ordered the Mini Pitch for installation hereunder, the Recipient shall be required to reimburse (i) FIFA for any and all costs that have already been incurred by FIFA in connection with the Mini Pitch; and/or (ii) USSF for any and all costs that have already been incurred by USSF related to the Mini Pitch, including any costs FIFA may have passed on to USSF related thereto.

b. If Recipient terminates this Agreement after its execution of the Handover Agreement but before the end of this Agreement’s Term, Recipient agrees to be responsible for any claimed damages by FIFA related to the early termination, and agrees to indemnify USSF for any claimed damages from, or dispute with, FIFA related to Recipient’s early termination.

8. **Notice.** All notices required by this Agreement shall be sent to the following:

U.S. Soccer Federation
Attn: Greg Fike
Telephone: (312) 528- 1278
Email: gfike@ussoccer.org

Oakland Unified School District
Attn: Pranita Ranbhise
Telephone: (510) 879-2714
Email: pranita.ranbhise@ousd.org

9. **Entire Agreement.** This Agreement sets forth the entire agreement between the parties with respect to the subject matter thereof. Additional agreements and modifications to this Agreement must be in writing to be valid, it being agreed that the execution thereof via DocuSign meets this formal requirement. If individual provisions of this Agreement should be or become invalid, null or void, this shall not affect the remaining provisions of the Agreement. The parties shall replace any invalid, null or void provision with a provision that best reflects the economic objective of the Agreement and the intention of the parties.

10. **Governing Law.** This Agreement shall be governed by and interpreted in accordance with the laws of the State of California. Any dispute, controversy or claim arising out of or in relation to this Agreement, including disputes as to its validity, invalidity, conclusion, binding effect, amendment, breach or termination, shall be promptly settled between the parties by negotiation. If no solution can be reached, such disputes shall, to the exclusion of any court or other forum, be exclusively resolved through binding arbitration. The seat of the arbitration shall be Alameda County, in the State of California. For the avoidance of any doubt, any decision made by the arbitral tribunal shall be final and binding on the parties.

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FIFA® arena





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GLOBAL NO. OF MINI PITCHES	<p>At least 1,000 mini pitches, 1,000 schools ab</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Approx.: 1,000 students (boys and girls) per selected school• Surrounding schools and grassroots community access to FIFA mini pitches• Increase number of beneficiaries <p>We recommend starting with a minimum of two mini-pitches per Member Association (MA) in the initial phase. Once the first two pitches are successfully completed, additional pitches may be considered in subsequent phases.</p>
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The system includes a 20x40 artificial turf system (standard size) with a pile height of 27–38 mm, installed over a shock pad. It also includes goal posts, 1m-high rebound fencing boards branded with the FIFA ARENA logo, and 4m-high catch nets installed above the boards.



SELECT THE SCHOOL



PREPARE THE SUBBASE



CUSTOM CLEARANCE



PRODUCTION



SHIPMENT



INSTALLATION / MAINTENANCE
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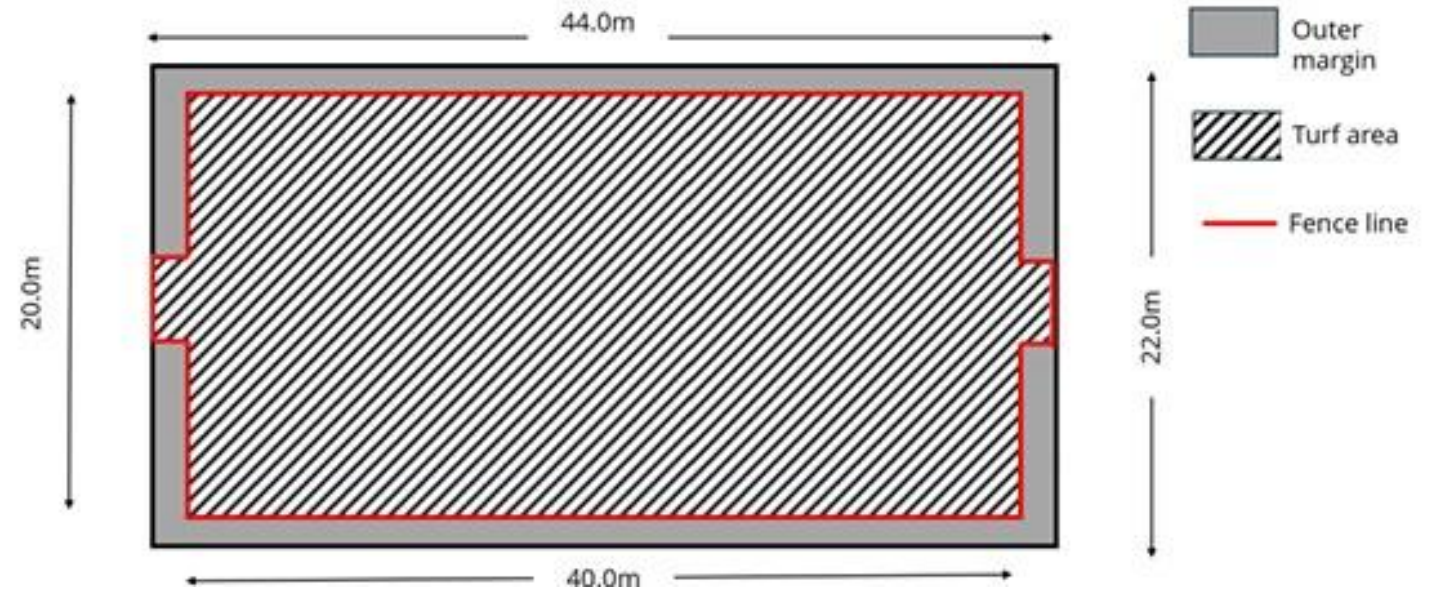
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PARTNER / MA / Gov	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Selection of Suitable Locations: Identify appropriate schools or local community areas for the installation of Mini Football Pitches. • Subbase Preparation: Ensure the preparation of suitable subbase infrastructure to support pitch installation, adhering to FIFA’s technical guidelines (to be provided). • Permissions from Local Authorities (if needed): Obtain all necessary permits and approvals from local authorities for pitch installation and related works. • Customs Clearance: Ensure customs clearance for the delivery of pitches and supplementary equipment, using the tax exemption letter provided by FIFA to facilitate this process.

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FIFA	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Technical Guidelines: Provide detailed technical guidelines for subbase preparation and pitch installation. • Tax Exemption Support: Issue a tax exemption letter to assist the MA in obtaining customs clearance. • Project Oversight and Support: Provide ongoing support and consultation during the pilot phase to ensure successful implementation. • Provide (deliver) Mini Pitch (20mx40m) to the selected venue and install it.

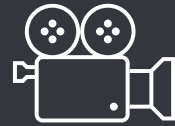
4. Pitch layout and base dimensions

FIFA Arena mini-pitches have a playing area measuring 40.0 m x 20.0 m. Recessed goals are provided at either end, these each measure 3 m x 1 m.

To provide adequate space for the surround fencing, etc the footprint area of the base should extend beyond the boundaries of the mini-pitch by at least approximately 1 m on each boundary.



TIMELAPSE CAMERA



Why do we need to install time-lapse cameras?

- Using a timelapse camera to record the construction of FIFA Arena mini-pitches provides clear visual documentation of the entire process, from groundbreaking to completion.
- Beyond documentation, the final timelapse video is a powerful promotional asset. It highlights the transformation of the space and showcases the impact of the initiative in a compelling, shareable format.
- This can help build public support, celebrate milestones, and promote the success and reach of the FIFA mini-pitch program.



FIFA arena



*	Action	
1	Secure funding for subbase works / appoint MA project manager	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
2	Sign protocol of agreement	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
3	Identification of Schools / MA agreement with Gov/Schools	<input type="checkbox"/>
4	Secure import, custom clearance tax exemption, etc.	<input type="checkbox"/>
5	Procure / appoint subbase contractor	<input type="checkbox"/>
6	Final confirmation of location, proof of land ownership, feasibility study if needed	<input type="checkbox"/>
7	Start and complete subbase works, timelapse camera	<input type="checkbox"/>
8	Shipment arrival, custom clearance, tax exemption, etc.	<input type="checkbox"/>
9	Start and complete Installation, timelapse camera	<input type="checkbox"/>
10	Handover and Inauguration, Media and Communication plan	<input type="checkbox"/>
11	Implementation of FIFA arena legacy plan	<input type="checkbox"/>

*	Action	Stakeholder Responsible
1	Proforma Invoice	Mini Pitch Supplier <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
2	Packing List	Mini Pitch Supplier <input type="checkbox"/>
3	Gift Certificate/ Donation Letter	FIFA <input type="checkbox"/>
4	Bill of Lading/ Airway Bill	Mini Pitch Supplier <input type="checkbox"/>
5	Certificate of Origin	Mini Pitch Supplier <input type="checkbox"/>
6	Quality-Inspection/ Pre-shipment Inspection (If Applicable)	Mini Pitch Supplier/ MA <input type="checkbox"/>
7	Import Permit (If Applicable)	MA <input type="checkbox"/>
8	Tax Exemption Certificate/ Letter	MA <input type="checkbox"/>

MAs shall obtain the above documents to release the goods from the arrival port and will liaise directly with the Mini Pitch Supplier.

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Onboarding

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AUG



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Subbase work

JUL / AUG
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03
Shipment

AUG / SEP
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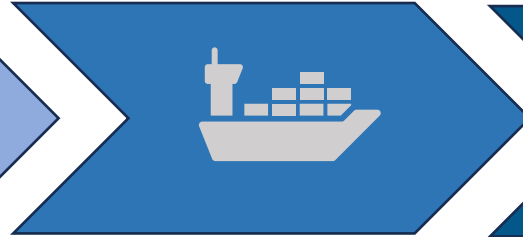
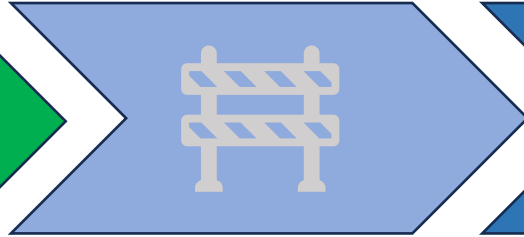
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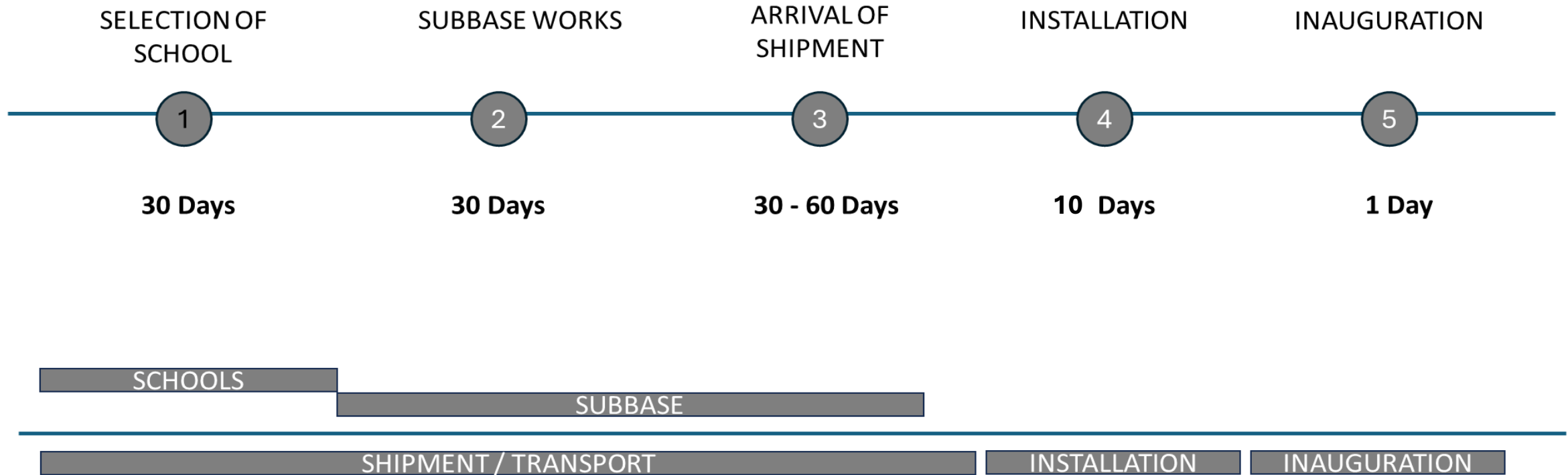


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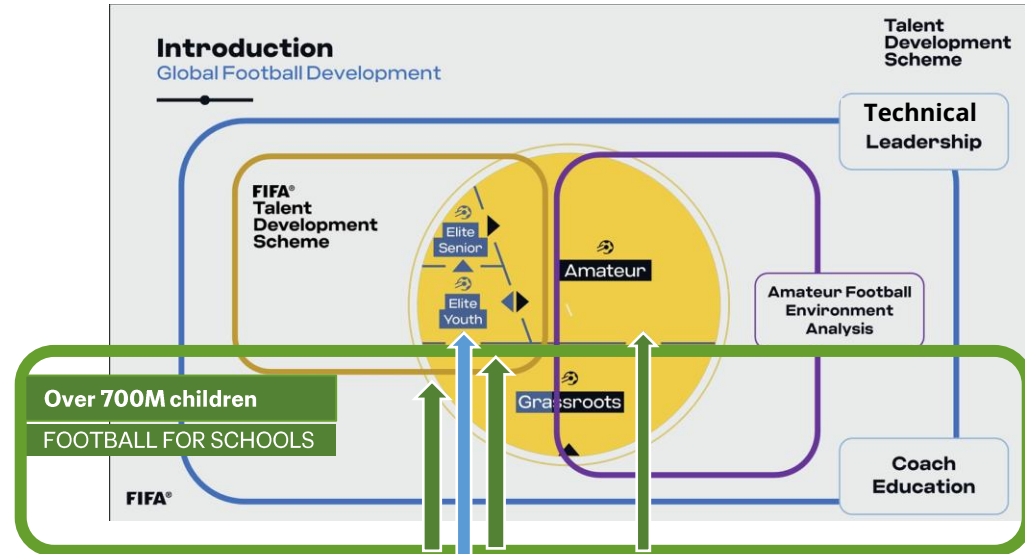
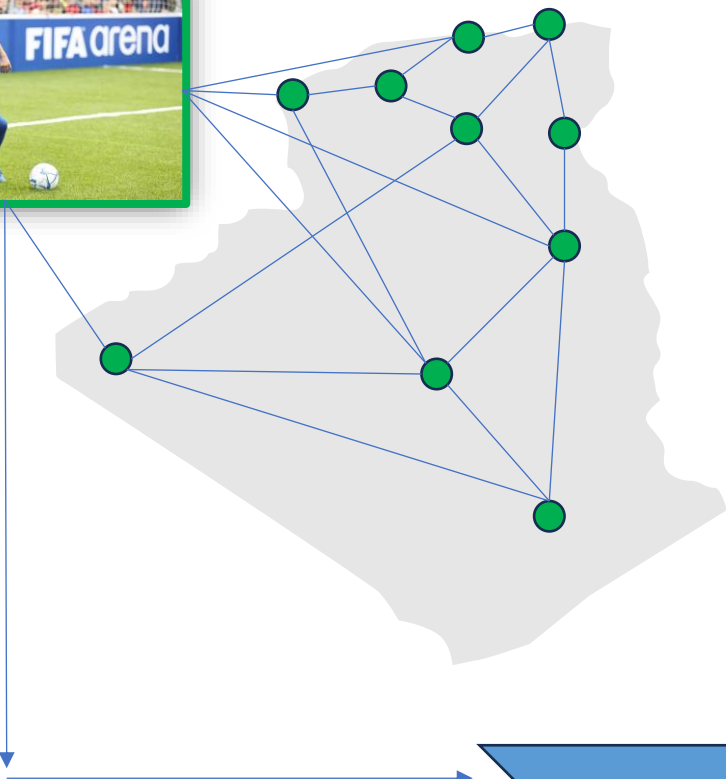
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FIFA ARENA MINI-PITCH PROJECT

Guideline code of practice for the
construction of pitch bases

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1. Introduction

The FIFA Arena Project is an initiative aimed at creating small-sided football pitches (referred to as mini-pitches) to promote accessible, inclusive, and safe spaces for football that are available for communities around the world. Designed to support grassroots development, these modular arenas will provide opportunities for youth engagement, physical activity, and local football programs, aligning with FIFA's goal of making football truly global. FIFA has pledged to build 1,000 mini-pitches around the world.



The construction of the FIFA ARENA mini-pitches is split into four packages:

- i. The construction of the base. Responsibility for this lies with the local Football (Member) Association. This will be undertaken by the local construction company appointed by the local FIFA Member (Football) Association.
- ii. The manufacturing and supply of a perimeter fencing system (rebound boards, ball stop netting and entrance gates). This will be undertaken by a specialist fencing company appointed by FIFA.
- iii. The installation of the fencing system. This will normally also be undertaken by the construction company building the base.
- iv. The supply and installation of the synthetic turf playing surface. This will be undertaken by a specialist turf manufacturer who is a member of the FIFA Quality Programme for Football Turf.

To ensure a mini-pitch meets the expectations of the local football community, the synthetic turf playing surface needs to be laid on a platform that is structurally stable and does not have any ridges or depressions and, when appropriate, aids the flow of rainwater from the playing surface. The construction of the base should be based on good civil engineering principles, which consider:

- the ground conditions
- the local climate
- intended use

This guideline code of practice describes the recommended design and construction requirements for pitch bases. They are provided as general guidelines, but it is important the construction of a base adheres to applicable national and local standards and regulations.

2. Definitions

The following definitions are used in this guide:

Base – the construction on which the synthetic turf surface is laid

Blinding (or sealing) layer – a layer of finely graded unbound aggregate that is laid above the sub-base to provide a smooth platform on which the football turf surface can be laid

Formation – the prepared surface of the subgrade on which the pitch is constructed

Geotextile – a membrane that is used to separate layers of construction from each other or the native soils. They may be permeable to allow water to percolate through them or be impermeable to prevent water percolating into the layers below

Planarity – the smoothness or flatness of the construction layer, normally checked by measuring the size of depressions and high spots under a 3m straightedge

Sub-base – a layer of unbound aggregate that provides the load-spreading and (when required) frost insulation properties, required to protect the weaker, more susceptible soils forming the subgrade

Subgrade – the native ground on which the field is located

Topsoil – the upper portion of the native soil that has a high content of organic material

3. Types of mini-pitch base constructions

Understanding the ground conditions on which a mini-pitch is to be located is fundamental to ensuring a good quality, stable, long lasting base construction. The cost of the facility will be greatly influenced by the ground conditions; costs will be much higher when engineering a difficult site and it should be recognised that on some sites solutions such as soil stabilisation may be required, whilst on others it may just not be cost effective to develop it as a football mini-pitch.

By careful selection of the site and methods of construction, costs can be reduced. Based on experience, the most cost effective options are:

Type of base	Benefits
Using an existing paved (asphalt or concrete) area (e.g. school playgrounds, parking lot, disused basketball or tennis courts etc – see Figure 4).	Minimal works required, simplest and cheapest option
Laying purpose made modular synthetic turf base panels over a suitably prepared subgrade (see Figure 5, 6 and 7)	Designed specifically for mini-pitch construction Simple construction, easy to install Reduced foundation depths Ensures the base is suitable for the synthetic turf installation

Type of base	Benefits
Crushed stone foundation (see Figure 8 and 9)	<p>The traditional method of building a sport field base.</p> <p>Best undertaken by experienced sports field contractors</p>

If, for whatever reason, a Member Association wishes to propose an alternative design or method of construction to those detailed in this guide, they should advise FIFA at an early stage so the suitability of the alternative design can be assessed.

4. Pitch layout and base dimensions

FIFA Arena mini-pitches have a playing area measuring 40.0 m x 20.0 m. Recessed goals are provided at either end, these each measure 3 m x 1 m.

To provide adequate space for the surround fencing, etc the footprint area of the base should extend beyond the boundaries of the mini-pitch by at least approximately 1m on each boundary.

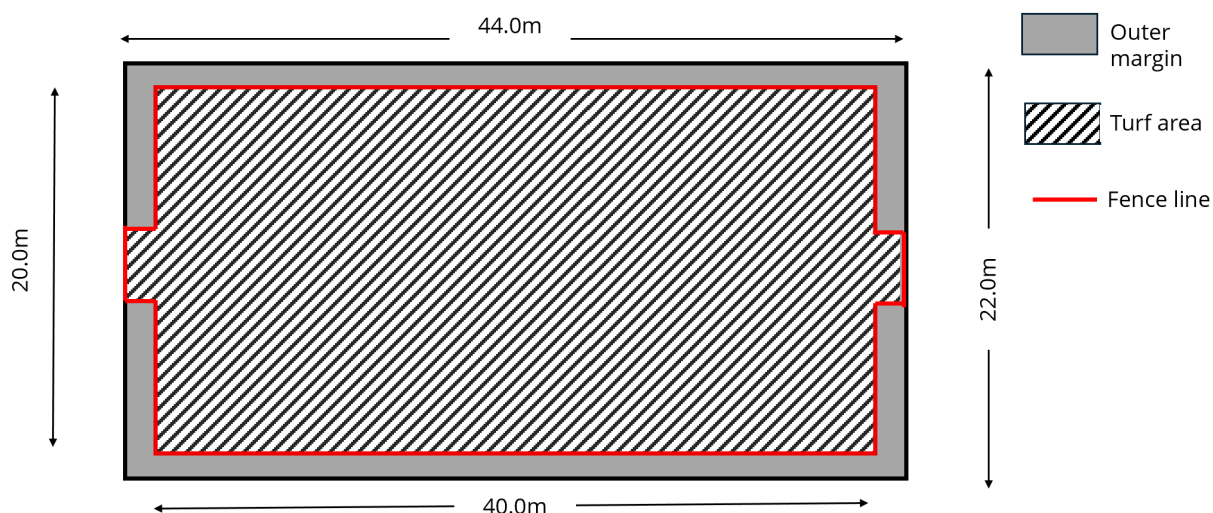


Figure 1 - layout and dimensions of mini-pitch



Figure 2 - recessed goals

5. Gradients and profile

The profile or slope of the base will depend on the local climate and also the topography of the site. In areas where rain can be expected, the base should have a profile that aids the movement of water from the playing surface. This is normally achieved by having a slope of between 0.5% and 1% (1:200 and 1:100), that ideally falls across the width of the pitch, but falls along the length or diagonally from corner to corner can also be used.

In arid or low rainfall areas, the slope can be reduced or be eliminated so the pitch is flat.

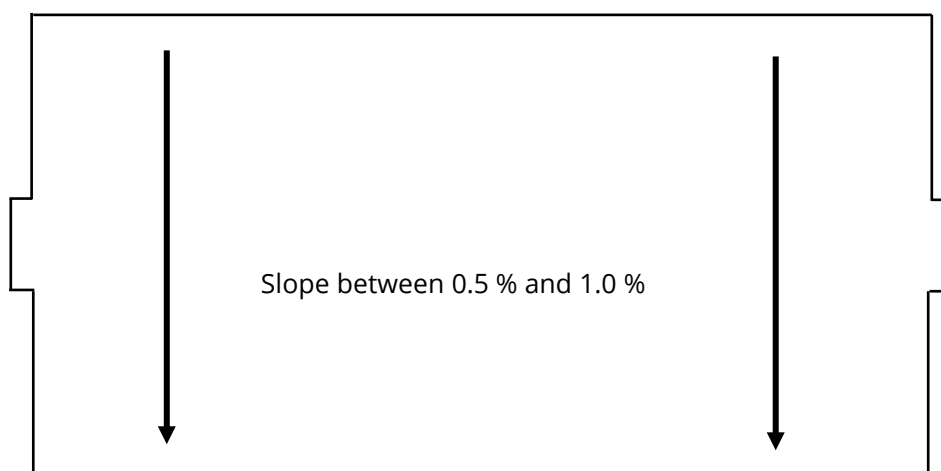


Figure 3 - typical mini-pitch profile

6. Base construction options

1.1. Existing hard paved (asphalt or concrete) areas

Using an existing concrete or asphalt area is the lowest cost and simplest way of providing a base for a new mini-pitch.



Figure 4 - conversion of existing paved area

When considering such areas it is important that they are inspected by a suitably experienced construction engineer. The key considerations are:

- Is the area large enough to accommodate the mini-pitch and surround fencing
- Is there suitable access to allow the necessary construction machinery onto the area
- Is the surface structurally in a good condition, without signs of breaking up, cracking, ground movement, tree root damage, etc?
- Does the area have any undulations that may adversely affect the quality of the mini-pitch. Undulations may either take the form of depressions or high spots.

Surface cracks

If there are any significant cracks it is advisable to determine what has caused them to ensure further deterioration will not adversely affect the new mini-pitch.

If cracks are more than 3 mm in width or more than 100 mm in length, they should be infilled using a suitable screeding material.

Surface undulations

If noticeable undulations are found, they should be assessed using a 3m long metal straightedge, as shown in Appendix B, to determine this magnitude. Any undulations greater than 10 mm should be repaired. Low spots and depressions can be infilled using suitable screeding or levelling materials, humps can be rolled out or planned off.

If a number of undulations are found it is advisable to determine what has caused them as it may indicate ongoing problems with the ground, meaning it will be inadvisable to build a mini-pitch on the area.

Surface drainage

Unless the mini-pitch is being built in an arid region, consideration also needs to be given to how rainwater can drain from the mini-pitch. The area should have a suitable fall to aid the flow of water from the playing surface and in wet regions a suitable drain should be installed along the lower boundary of the pitch to take rainwater away from the pitch to a suitable outlet.

1.2. Modular base panels

If a pitch requires a new base, modular base panels¹ provide a simple to build solution for smaller synthetic turf areas. The easy to lay panels, are ideally suited to those who have not built a synthetic turf mini-pitch before. Additionally, the panels will enhance the player comfort properties of the synthetic turf surface, meaning a shockpad underlayer is not normally required.

¹ e.g. [EasyLock Panels by RSI Sports Group](#), [Ultra Base System by The Recreational Group](#), or similar



Figure 5 - installation of modular base panels

The panels need to be installed in accordance with the manufacturer's instructions.

The panels need to be installed laid on suitably prepared ground that can provide adequate stability and load-bearing capacity to support the pitch during its construction and use. Therefore:

- All vegetation and topsoil should be removed and the ground trimmed and levelled, using cut and fill techniques as necessary, to the required profile.
- Any soft spots should be excavated and backfilled using a suitable granular fill material.
- Depending on the site, it may be preferable to install a perimeter edging (kerb) to contain the based panels and any sub-base foundations. The edging can be cast concrete, precast concrete kerbs, timber battens or other suitable materials.
- The ground should be rolled to ensure the ground is adequately compacted. Following compaction, the prepared formation should not have any undulations (low or high spots) that exceed 10 mm under a 3m straightedge.
- Unless the pitch is being built in an arid location, a perimeter drain should be constructed along the lower side boundary of the pitch. This should contain a 200 mm (or larger) perforated plastic drainage pipe that will capture any rainwater flowing down from the playing surface and through the base panels. The drainage pipe should connect into a suitable outlet (soakaway, ditch, dyke etc.).
- To ensure water cannot soak into the ground beneath the pitch and cause longer term structural problems, an impermeable geotextile membrane² should be laid over the prepared ground and also line any drainage trenches beneath the pitch.
- Subject to the manufacturer's agreement, in low rainfall areas the panels can laid directly onto the impermeable geotextile membrane (see Figure 6).

² E.g. Stansa 161 www.kingnonwovenproducts.com/en/products/stansa-161, or similar

- In areas that experience frequent of heavy rain, a 50 mm – 75mm depth of no-fines crushed stone (10mm – 1mm) should be laid over the impermeable geotextile to aid the movement of water from the playing surface and trough the base panels. This should be overlaid with a permeable geotextile on which the base panels are laid.

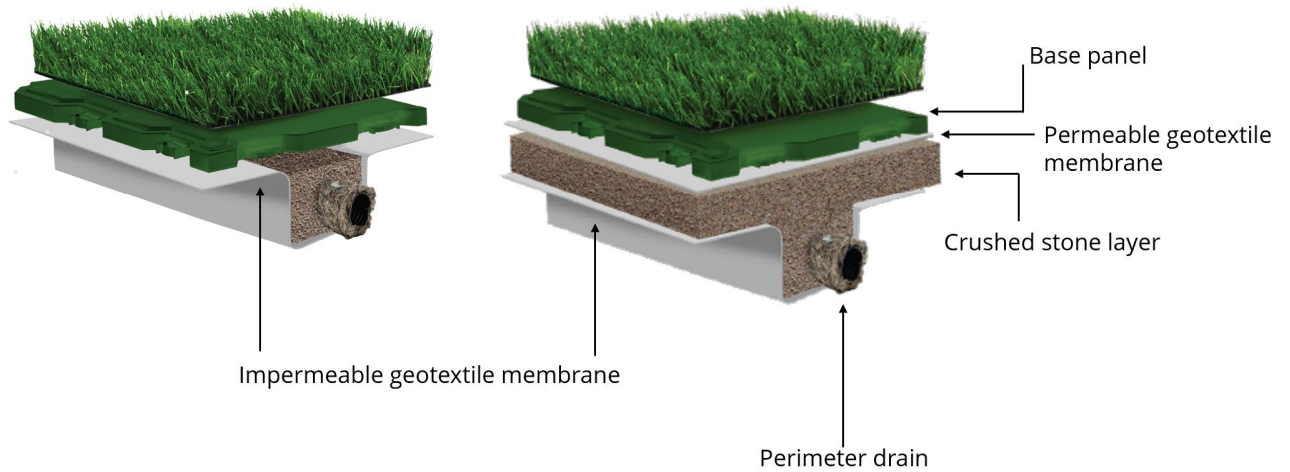


Figure 6 – modular base construction – low rainfall regions

Figure 7 – modular base construction – wet rainfall regions

1.3. Traditional crushed stone base construction

Most full-size synthetic turf football pitches are built using a crushed stone base, and these can also be used for mini-pitches. The design and construction of such a base is best undertaken by a specialist contractor who has experience of designing and building sports fields.



Figure 8 – example of crushed stone base construction

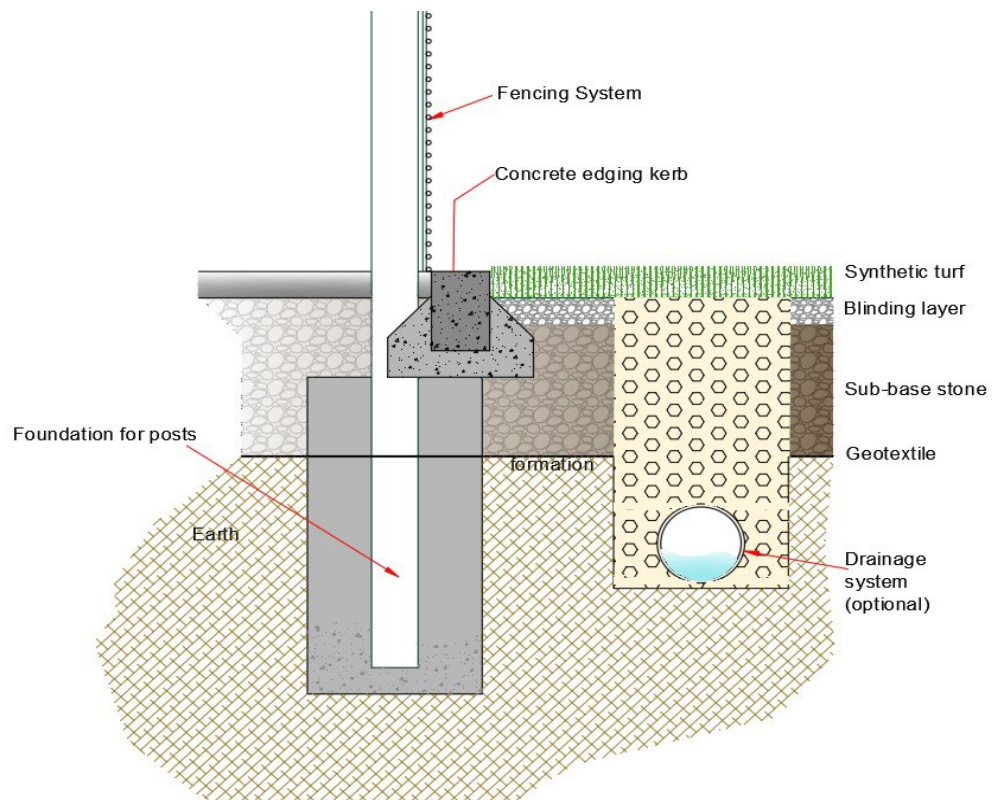


Figure 9 – crushed stone base construction

Ground preparation

All vegetation and topsoil should be removed and the ground trimmed and levelled, using cut and fill techniques as necessary, to the required profile.

Any soft spots should be excavated and backfilled using suitable granular fill material. Back filling should be carried out in layers not exceeding 150mm, and each layer should be compacted before the next is spread.

A suitable geotextile membrane should be laid over the prepared formation to separate the native subgrade soils from the overlying base construction.

The prepared formation should have the same profile as the finished mini-pitch.

Following grading and compaction, the formation should not have any undulations (low or high spots) that exceed 20 mm under a 3m straightedge.

Note: Experience has shown that the prepared formation should have a California Bearing Ratio (CBR) value of at least 5% to ensure adequate long-term stability is provided. Testing to verify suitable compaction has been achieved is NOT considered necessary, unless a site is considered to have specific complications (e.g. being on landfill, etc). When the native ground conditions mean that this cannot be ensured the use of civil engineering stabilising techniques (geo-grids, cement stabilisation, etc) should be used.

Perimeter edgings

The base should be retained within a perimeter edging. This may either be formed from cast in-situ concrete or precast concrete kerbs set on a suitable haunching. The edgings should be laid to a true line

(± 25mm from a stringline joining their ends) and be level, with an adequate up-stand to finish flush with the synthetic turf surface.

Drainage

In regions where heavy or persistent rain may be anticipated, consideration should be given to installing a perimeter drain along the lower boundary of the mini-pitch. This is particularly important on sites where the native soils are unlikely to allow rainwater to quickly percolate into them.

If a drain is required, it should be designed to take any water flowing across the playing surface away from the pitch. It will typically comprise a 150 mm – 200 mm diameter, perforated drainage pipe, laid in a drainage trench with suitable free draining aggregate back-fill. The drainage pipes should be centrally located in the trenches and the pipe bedding materials should be a clean, rounded gravel or similar. Flexible pipes should be laid on a bed of 75mm minimum depth and the trench backfilled to a minimum depth of 150mm above the crown of the pipe.

Consideration should also be given to ensuring water from the surrounding land cannot flow onto or under the base of the mini-pitch.

When drainage is required, a suitable drainage outlet point should be identified. This can include connecting the drain into an adjacent storm water sewer, culverts or rivers, etc. If the drainage outlet is into a culvert or river and the peak river level may rise to the height of the outlet pipe, consideration should be given to fitting the pipe with a hinged backflow non-return cover.

Foundations

The base normally comprises two layers of granular aggregate materials. The lower layer (often called the sub-base) generally consists of graded aggregates (e.g. basalt, granite or limestone) typically used for highway base constructions. Appendix B shows a typical aggregate grading. The sub-base should be constructed from aggregates that are readily available locally.

Above the sub-base is a blinding (or sealing) layer; this regulates the sub-base and provides a smooth platform for the synthetic turf. This blinding layer is normally formed from finer graded unbound aggregates (10mm down to dust).

Ensuring that the depth of the base is adequate for the site and local climate is critical to ensuring the long-term stability of the construction, especially in regions that may experience penetrating frosts. The depth of a base often has to be a compromise between best engineering practice and cost.

The finished profile of the base should be smooth so that when assessed under using a 3m straightedge there are no undulations that are greater than 10mm.

Table 2 shows typical minimum base thicknesses used for football mini-pitches.

Table 2 - Typical minimum base thicknesses		
Climatic region	Base layer	Minimum depth
Arid regions	Sub-base Blinding layer	150 mm 20 mm
Temperate and monsoon regions	Sub-base Blinding layer	200 mm 20 mm
Sub-temperate regions / areas likely to suffer penetrating frosts	Sub-base Blinding layer	250 mm 20 mm

Notes:

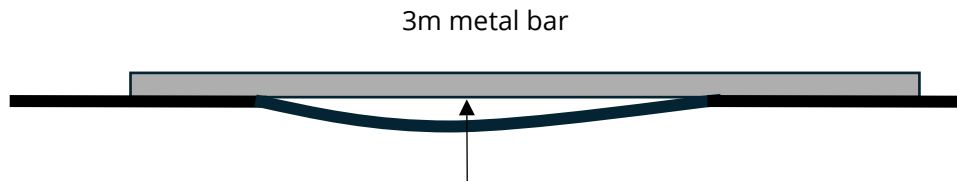
- 1 Ensuring that the depth of the base is adequate for the site and local climate is critical to ensuring the long-term stability of the construction.
- 2 In areas prone to frost and thaw, the depth of the base should always be determined by assessing the risk of penetrating frosts and the shrink/swell characteristics of the native subgrade soils. If there is any doubt about the specific needs of a site, a suitably experienced civil engineer should be consulted
- 3 If the aggregates used to construct the base have a low water infiltration rate or are likely to be prone to swelling or shrinkage with changes in moisture content (e.g. laterite or clay materials), the base should be sealed with an impervious separation membrane that prevents water percolating into the base. Mini-pitches with such base designs should have an external perimeter drain or gulley channel along the low side of the pitch to capture and remove any rainwater flowing off the synthetic turf playing surface.

Appendix A – Typical sub-base aggregate grading

Provided for guidance only

Table 1 - typical aggregate grading for sub-base constructions	
Sieve size (mm)	Overall grading range Percentage by mass passing
80	100
40	80 – 99
20	50 – 78
10	31 – 60
4	18 – 46
2	10 – 35
1	6 – 26
0.500	0 – 20
0.063	0 – 5

Appendix B – Assessing planarity using a 3m straightedge



Maximum gap between base of the depression and the bottom of metal bar should not exceed 10 mm

Figure C1 - assessing height of any depressions



Maximum gap between top of hump and bottom of metal bar should not exceed 10 mm

Figure C2 - assessing height of any humps