



BOLDMERE ST MICHAELS FOOTBALL CLUB

3G FOOTWEAR POLICY

WE OPERATE A STRICT BUT SIMPLE FOOTWEAR POLICY ON OUR 3G PITCHES

FOOTBALL BOOTS WITH MOULDED SOLES MUST BE WORN ON THE 3G TURF



PERMITTED

Football boots with moulded studs
Football boots with moulded blades
Firm Ground (FG) or Artificial Grass (AG) sole plates

NOT PERMITTED



Any flat soled footwear including trainers & flip flops
Astro boots/trainers
"Turf" trainers/boots with dimpled soles or tread
Screw-in studs, or any metal studs or blades
Boots with Soft Ground (SG) or mixed/combi-sole plates.
Shoes, work boots, bare feet or socks

We have spare boots that you can borrow – PLEASE ASK!

THIS APPLIES TO EVERYONE ON THE 3G TURF AT ANY TIME, INCLUDING:

MATCH OFFICIALS	Including Assistant Referees, Fourth Officials and club volunteers "running the line"
COACHES	Setting up – please put your moulded boots on before you set up your cones etc.
DUGOUTS & TECHNICAL AREA	Everyone at pitchside must wear moulded boots, including Managers, coaches, medical staff, kit men and non-playing/substituted players in the dugout or technical area.
WALKING ON AND OFF THE SURFACE	Boots must put on before entering the 3G turf and must be kept on until completely off the surface. Walking on/off in trainers, flip flops, bare feet or socks is not permitted.
PITCH SURROUND	The 3 metre "runoff" area outside the pitch lines is part of the playing surface and must be kept in the same condition – the footwear policy still applies, including photographers.
PARENTS	"Just taking a drink" or other item onto the surface is not an exception – please ask the recipient to come to the side to collect it.
JUST HAVING A LOOK	This is not an exception to the policy, including players and match officials pre-match.

INFORMATION AND FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS

Why can't I wear Astros?	This is 3G artificial grass, not AstroTurf. The footwear requirements are completely different.
What damage will it do?	Screw in or metal studs/blades can rip the turf. Other non-permitted footwear compacts the crumb which can break the artificial grass fibres and affects the quality of the surface – i.e. it becomes hard
Why moulded boots?	Moulded soles move the crumb around, keeping it aerated and soft, ensuring the best possible surface and that we pass our FA and FIFA tests.
You're being fussy	We are strict, but the policy is clear and simple. There is no reason why we should cut short the life of our pitches by allowing non permitted footwear and making exceptions.
I can wear these elsewhere	This is our policy, as agreed with our turf supplier and installation team. Please work with us to help us keep the pitches in the best possible condition.

**We are receiving many compliments about the high quality of our surface.
We want it to stay that way for everyone. Our staff & volunteers are simply enforcing this
policy to ensure this happens. Many thanks for your co-operation.**