# Sporting Grounds Inspection Sheet

If you get a **“NO”** for any of the checklist, you are expected to conduct a follow up risk assessment and control procedure.

Name of venue: \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

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| **Area** | **Y** | **N** | **Comments** |
| **Surface** |  |  |  |
| Is the surface of the playing area free of bare patches likely to lead to significant trip hazards? |  |  |  |
| Is the surface of the playing area not too hard for falls likely to occur during participation of sports on the ground? |  |  |  |
| Are all cracks in the pitches less than 20mm? (those likely to lead to tripping hazards) |  |  |  |
| Are there any protruding objects from the playing area such as sprinkler heads, stakes, or other foreign objects likely to lead to piercing injuries? |  |  |  |
| Is the playing surface relatively level with no obvious holes or significant undulations likely to lead to trip hazards or players rolling their ankles? |  |  |  |
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| **Football Grounds** |  |  |  |
| Are dimensions of the ground in accordance with Sport and Recreation Victoria guidelines? (see Appendix1) |  |  |  |
| Are ground markings a safe distance from fencing and other structures – minimum 4 metres is required? |  |  |  |
| Are goal and point posts in good condition, secure and adequately padded for play (during organised games)? |  |  |  |
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| **Cricket Ovals** |  |  |  |
| Are dimensions of the ground in accordance with Sport and Recreation Victoria guidelines? (see Appendix 2) |  |  |  |
| Are training nets a safe distance away from other areas of play where organised or recreational activity may take place? |  |  |  |
| Are training nets free of holes large enough for cricket balls to pass through? |  |  |  |
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| **Non Playing Areas** |  |  |  |
| Is there adequate artificial lighting to ensure the safety of players and others in conditions of no or poor natural light? |  |  |  |
| Are fences and barriers adequate to provide safe isolation from the playing area to other areas? |  |  |  |
| Are light towers and flag poles positioned so as not to interfere with players or cause injury? |  |  |  |
| Do light towers and flag poles have sound footings? |  |  |  |
| Are fences free from damage, sharp edges and protrusions? |  |  |  |
| Is signage positioned so as not to interfere with players or cause injury? |  |  |  |
| **Area** | **Y** | **N** | **Comments** |
| Is signage free of sharp edges and protrusions such as screws, nails etc? |  |  |  |
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| **Grand Stands/Seating** |  |  |  |
| Is seating in good condition without obvious cracks, splits and damage? |  |  |  |
| Are hand rails provided for steps and are they secure and in good condition? |  |  |  |
| Is there access to fire prevention equipment such as hose reels should a fire break out? |  |  |  |
| Are fire extinguishers, and hose reels checked every 6 months in accordance with AS 1851? |  |  |  |
| Are emergency exit paths unobstructed? |  |  |  |
| Is all debris or flammable material (gas bottles) near the stand which could create a fire hazard removed or sufficiently barricaded? |  |  |  |
| Are gas bottles secured with chains to avoid be knocked over? |  |  |  |
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| **Notes – Hazards** | | | |
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Persons completing hazard assessment: \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

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