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## FIELD PERFORMANCE REPORT

In accordance with

**BS EN 15330-1:2013 – Hockey & Football [Short Pile]**

**Field Reference:** Hawick High School

**Field Address:** Buccleuch Road  
Hawick  
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**Report Number:** 17092/2613s

**Report Status:** FINAL

**Issue Date:** 12/05/2016

**Client:** Scottish Borders Council  
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## 1.0 INTRODUCTION

- 1.1 Sports Labs were requested by Scottish Borders Council to carry out performance testing on the synthetic pitch at Hawick High School. Testing was carried out in accordance with BS EN 15330-1:2013 (Hockey & Football [Short pile]) Regulations for the parameters examined.
- 1.2 Testing was carried out on 10<sup>th</sup> May 2016 in sunny and dry conditions.
- 1.3 The pitch is constructed on unknown base. The synthetic layers comprise of: Short pile, polyethylene fibre carpet, infilled with rubber and sand.

<b>Substrate Type:</b>	<b>Engineered</b>		<b>Infill Type:</b>	<b>Sand</b>
<b>Carpet Name:</b>	<b>Unknown</b>		<b>Shockpad:</b>	<b>Unknown</b>
<b>Air Temperature during testing (°C):</b>	<b>AM</b>	<b>PM</b>	<b>Weather Conditions:</b>	<b>Sunny, Dry</b>
	<b>N/A</b>	<b>21</b>		
<b>Surface Temperature during testing (°C):</b>	<b>AM</b>	<b>PM</b>	<b>Wind Speed during testing (m/s):</b>	<b>0.6</b>
	<b>N/A</b>	<b>20</b>		
<b>Humidity (%):</b>	<b>AM</b>	<b>PM</b>	<b>Operator:</b>	<b>NL</b>
	<b>N/A</b>	<b>59</b>		

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## 2.0 TEST PROGRAMME

- 2.1 Testing was carried out at 5 locations across the pitch, as show in Appendix A.
- 2.2 The suit of testing was carried out in accordance with the requirements of BS EN 15330-1:2013 (Hockey & Football [Short pile]) for the parameters examined as follows:
  - 2.2.1 Rotational Resistance – EN 15301-1:2007
  - 2.2.2 Shock Absorption – EN 14808:2005
  - 2.2.3 Vertical Deformation – EN 14809:2005
  - 2.2.4 Porosity – EN 12616:2013
  - 2.2.5 \*Surface Regularity and Dimensions – EN 13036-7:2003

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### 3.0 TEST RESULTS

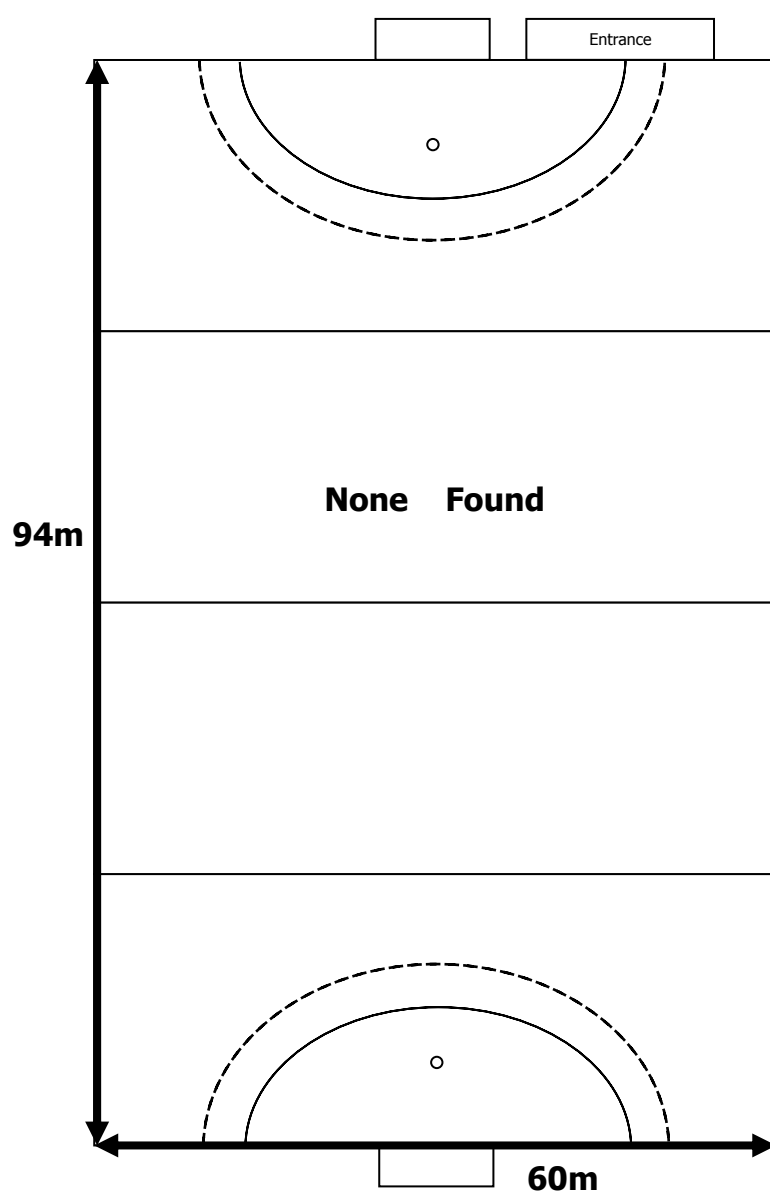
Test	Requirements	Location					Pass / Fail
		1	2	3	4	5	
Rotational Resistance	25Nm to 50Nm	20	22	21	21	22	Fail
Shock Absorption	40-70%	46	55	52	57	53	Pass
Vertical Deformation	3.0 – 10.0mm	5.7	7.4	6.8	7.9	6.9	Pass
Water Permeability	≥180mm/h	2316	3130	3818	3406	3247	Pass
Surface Regularity	No deviations >6mm	0					Pass



### 3.1 SURFACE REGULARITY AND DIMENSIONS

Plan showing surface irregularities exceeding maximum requirement of 6mm under a 3m straight edge.

In the surface measured there were 0 deviations found in excess of this requirement, as shown in the diagram below.





#### 4.0 DISCUSSION/COMMENTS / VISUAL ASSESSMENT

4.1 The results obtained from the testing exercise showed the surface failed to comply with the specification limits as set out in BS EN 15330-1:2013 (Hockey & Football [Short pile]) for the parameters examined. Specifically the surface failed to meet the requirements for Rotational Resistance.

4.2 This surface requires a proper maintenance regime. Maintenance of the surface is important to its continued performance and longevity.

4.3 Fencing: - Lower Rebound boards: The Rebound boards are generally in good condition some boards are starting to loosen and should be checked and tightened accordingly.

Fencing: - Upper Weld Mesh: The Weld Mesh fencing is in good condition.

4.4 Goals: - The Hockey goals were in generally good condition. The nets are in tacked and the frames are in good condition. Some paint is starting to flack and should be sanded and repainted to protect the frames from the elements. The goals would also benefit from cleaning.

Goals: - The Football goal frames were in generally good condition. The nets are in a poor condition with only two of the small sized nets in good condition. The goals should be inspected and tested in accordance with the BS EN 748 and BS EN 8462 if this has not been undertaken in the past two years. This will ensure that the goals conform with the minimum safety standards for goals.

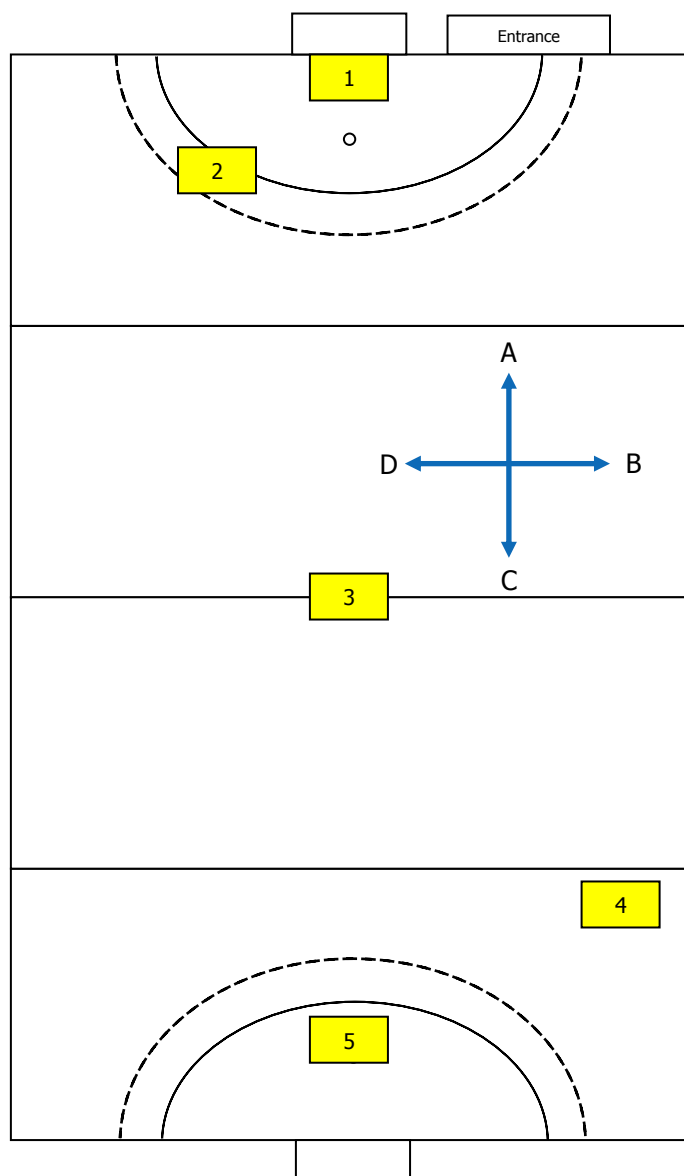


## **APPENDIX A**

### **TEST LOCATION PLAN**



### TEST LOCATIONS







## **APPENDIX B**

### **SITE PHOTOGRAPHS**



## SITE OVERVIEW



**HALFWAY 1**



**OVERVIEW**



**END 1**



**END 2**



## VISUALS



**Goal netting damaged**



**Goal netting in Good condition**



**Fencing in good condition**



**Goal netting damaged**

**End of Report**

