

LAYING GROUND COVERS

INFORMATION FOR GROUNDS CREW -
SPORTING TEAMS AND CLUBS

DEVELOPED BY SAFETY MATES AUSTRALIA



HARRUP PARK



Safety Mates Australia



OVERVIEW

On Friday arvos – covers and hessians are placed out by our grounds team for use on each field being used.

Pallets are made ready and include the following items:

- hessians
- cover
- peg buckets

These are also made available on other days of week if rain is forecast.

These are provided for all player groups to use. As such we have a duty to ensure you lay these out safely.

Ensure you read and understand the following information carefully. This is important for you and your teams safety, as well as ensuring the safety of our grounds crew



EQUIPMENT USED

There are several different sizes of cover

- 1. Pitch one - 70 ft wide by 50 ft**
- 2. Pitch two to six - 60 ft by 50 ft**
- 3. Hessians 10 ft wide by 40 ft**

Keep in mind that the covers are heavy and require a team of people to lay safely.

There should also be available a bucket of pegs. These are used to secure the hessians and covers to the ground.

IF USED PLEASE ENSURE THEY ARE ALL COLLECTED AND PLACED BACK IN THE BUCKET!

This ensures that our mowers won't get damaged when mowing and minimise the risk of projectiles being thrown around the fields!

INSTALLATION

1. Pull hessians over wicket
2. Unfurl the sessions over the wicket and peg using eyelets (2 on each end and one in the middle)
3. *Unfold cover
4. Pull over wicket - Use handles on covers to grasp
5. Secure using every 2nd or 3rd hole fully secure (use every hole) if bad weather forecast!



***FOR SAFETY 3 PEOPLE MINIMUM TO LAY COVER FOR IDEAL CONDITIONS (NO WIND AND NO WATER)**
***THERE IS A MINIMUM OF 5 TO 6 PEOPLE REQUIRED TO DO THIS SAFETY WHEN COVERS ARE WATERLOGGED OR IF WIND IS PRESENT.**



REMOVAL -FOR REUSE

- 1. Pull all pegs out and place back in bucket.**
- 2. Line up and pull cover over itself onto field away from wicket, to ensure it can drain.**
- 3. Drag to fence line and lay flat to dry.**
- 4. Remove pegs from hessian and fold hessian onto itself off the wicket and place in a flat location away from play to allow to dry.**



PACK UP

- 1. Fold hessian up when dry -folding them wet creates rot!**
- 2. Fold cover in half, then half again, then half again, then half again, then walk air out.**
- 3. Once flat roll up and place away from field onto pallet.**
- 4. Hessians to be on placed on top with pegs.**
- 5. Check area for any left over pegs and collect.**



IN THE EVENT OF WIND

If strong wind is present (anything over 20 knots or over is deemed strong!),

DO NOT LAY COVERS - if in doubt about wind strength DO NOT LAY COVERS!

If light wind is present, undertake following:

1. Ensure cover is maintained at waist height as you walk forwards using one hand to hold cover.
2. Do not lift as wind can create a sail effect causing a strain hazard.
3. If wind gets under it, immediately lower to ground to let settle, if sail affect occurs, let go of cover and retrieve once safe to do so.



REPORTING DAMAGE

General Requirements

If you damage hessians or a cover please report this to the Sports Administration Team or call Reception and let them know. This so the cover can be repaired and or replaced.