# APPENDIX 2: FA Ground Grading Requirements

## Ground facility requirements for Steps 6/G and 7

| Step/ Grade | Min Capacity | Pitch Barrier | Technical area | Floodlights | Turnstiles | Spectator Accommodation | Press seating | Toilets within ground | Players Changing | Match Officials Changing |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| 7 | No minimum and no boundary fencing required | Post and rope around all sides that accommodate spectators. Minimum of 1.83m (ideally 2m) away from touchline and if hard standing exists (not compulsory) it should be minimum of 0.9 metres width. | Not essential but its desirable that a technical area exists within the laws of the game | Not compulsory | Not required, however where one exists it must be fixed and fully operational | No specific requirements for accommodation | None Required | Provision should be made for adequate toilet facilities | Existing must be 12m2, with 4 shower heads and adequate toilets for players. New build 18m2. | Minimum 4m2,1 shower and access to toilets (not necessarily inside the changing room). New build 6m2.<br><br>Provision for both male and female officials required. |
| Entry to Step 6/ H | No minimum, but ground must be enclosed with fencing 1.83m high | 1.1m high and 1.83 m away from touchline (ideally 2m). Hard standing width of 0.9m on spectator side of barrier on a minimum of 2 adjacent sides from the entrance. | Same side of pitch, ideally 3m apart and seat 8 people or 4m in length | Average lux of 120 for existing or 180 lux must be provided for new | 1 required or a pay box. | Can be on 1 side only. 50 minimum covered. No allocation required for Directors | None Required | 2 WC's should be required | Existing must be 12m2, with 4 shower heads, 1 wash hand basin, 1 WC. New build 18m2. | Minimum 4m2,1 shower, 1 WC (exclusive use but not necessarily en suite)and 1 wash hand basin. New build 6m2.<br><br>Provision for both male and female officials required. |
| 6/ G | No minimum, but ground must be enclosed with fencing 1.83m high | 1.1m high and 1.83 m away from touchline (ideally 2m). Hard standing width of 0.9m on spectator side of barrier on a minimum of 2 sides on adjacent sides from the entrance. | Same side of pitch, ideally 3m apart and seat 8 people or 4m in length | Average lux of 120 for existing or 180 lux must be provided for new | 1 required or a pay box. | Can be on 1 side but preferably 2 sides. 100 minimum covered of which 50 must be seated and located in one stand. No allocation required for Directors | None Required | Male: 2 urinals or equivalent and 1 WC. Female: 2WC's | Existing must be 12m2, with 4 shower heads, 1 wash hand basin, 1 WC. New build 18m2. | Minimum 4m2,1 shower, 1 WC and 1 wash hand basin. New build 6m2.<br><br>Provision for both male and female officials required. |

## Women's Ground Grading

| STEP | COMPETITION | GRADING CATEGORY |
|---|---|---|
| **Step 1** | FA Women's Premier League – National Division | Grade A |
| **Step 2** | FA Women's Premier League – Northern & Southern Divisions | Grade A |
| **Step 3** | Women's Combination Leagues | Grade B |
| **Step 4** | Women's Regional Leagues – Premier Divisions | Grade C |
| **Step 5** | Women's Regional Leagues – First Divisions | N/A |
| **Step 6** | County Women's Leagues | N/A |

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**SUMMARY INFORMATION**

| Grade / Category | A | B | C |
|---|---|---|---|
| Security required | 1 year tenure agreement | 1 year tenure agreement | N/A |
| Club House | Yes | Yes | N/A |
| Car Parking | Yes | Yes | N/A |
| Pitch Perimeter Barrier | Yes | Permanent barrier or roped off | Permanent barrier or roped off |
| Playing Area | 100m x 64m (110ydsx70yds) | 100m x 64m (110yds x 70yds) | 100m x 64m (110ydsx70yds) |
| Technical Area – trainers' boxes | Yes – 8 Seats | Yes – 8 Seats | N/A |
| Floodlighting | Yes | N/A | N/A |
| Public Address System | Yes | N/A | N/A |
| Entrances – turnstiles (minimum) | 1 turnstiles | N/A | N/A |
| Covered Accommodation | 100 | N/A | N/A |
| Dressing Rooms Players | Separate dressing rooms and showers | Separate dressing rooms and showers | Separate dressing rooms & adequate washing facilities |
| Dressing Rooms – match officials | Separate dressing room | Separate dressing room | Separate dressing room |