

Rules and Regulations for use of Balbriggan RFC's Astro Facility

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1. All patrons and users (*users include the guardians accompanying under age users of the Facility*) of Balbriggan RFC's Astro Pitches are subject to the Terms and Conditions of hire and use as shall be laid down from time to time by Balbriggan RFC.

2. Patrons and users undertake that they will inspect the facilities prior to the period for which the facilities are reserved for their use, and in the absence of such inspection patrons shall be deemed to acknowledge that the facilities are safe and in good working order.

3. Patrons and users will be responsible for all personal injuries, loss, or damage to the property or other damage of any nature caused to the patrons or members of the club/organisation/group, their licensees or invitees or members of the public or their property while on the premises and grounds of Balbriggan RFC. Patrons and users hereby agree to indemnify and keep indemnified Balbriggan RFC and all those acting on behalf of Balbriggan RFC in respect of all such claims.

4. A pre-booked pitch may not be transferred by a patron to any other person/group without the prior agreement of Balbriggan RFC.

5. Pitch Rental is for a duration of one hour unless previously arranged, booked and paid for.

6. The use of any equipment other than equipment supplied on the Astro facility by Balbriggan RFC is prohibited unless otherwise agreed in advance by Balbriggan RFC.

7. Bookings for children under 18 years of age must be booked, paid and supervised by a person aged 18 or over.

8. Standard pricing structure is €60 for one pitch or €95 for both pitches (if available). All payments must be made in advance of playing.

9. Booking of the Astro facility is done by emailing astro@balbrigganrfc.com
Payment is by bank transfer only.

10. Astro facilities are open from 6pm - 9pm Monday to Friday.

>Requests for alternate dates & times can be requested by emailing astro@balbrigganrfc.com (Booking is not agreed until the Astro Manager confirms the requested availability)

>Please do not arrive more than 10 minutes in advance of your booking.

>The Astro facilities and car park will close at 9.10pm sharp.

>The Astro facility will be closed on Bank holidays.

>The Astro facility will be closed for 2 weeks during Christmas/New Year 2026/2027. From 21st December to 3rd January inclusive, Re-opening Monday January 4th 2027

>The Astro facility will be closed on the following dates during the Easter 2027 break.

Friday March 26th to Monday March 29th April inclusive. Re-opening Tuesday March 30th

11. Cancellations

Please contact The Astro Manager 48 hours in advance in order to cancel individual bookings. Any cancellations after this time cannot be changed and the payment will be forfeited.

12. Long term/block bookings

To guarantee your block booking the following terms are required.

At least 48 hours notice of a cancellation is required. The booking can be rescheduled for a time agreed between the Patron and the Astro Manager as long as 48 hours notice is given. Any cancellations after this time cannot be changed and the payment will be forfeited. If the astro facilities are closed due to a national weather warning the booking can be rescheduled at a time agreed between both parties.

Payment will not be taken for days the facility is scheduled to close (dates are outlined in item 10).

13. Block bookings will not be guaranteed if there are any outstanding payments.

14. Block bookings/Winter bookings are not carried over to the next season unless confirmed with the Astro manager and a deposit is paid. (The season starts in September). Bookings can only be held until Friday 25th September 2026. Bookings will be charged for from the week beginning Monday 28th September 2026.

15. Patrons and users of the Astro pitches must only access the Astro pitches by following the pathway from the car park to the Astro pitches.

16. Balbriggan RFC accepts no responsibility for items lost or stolen on the premises and/or grounds of Balbriggan RFC including at or near the Astro facility, or for any loss, damage, or injury occurring on the premises and/or grounds of Balbriggan RFC including at or near the Astro facility, or for any injuries to patrons and users participating in any activity in or on the premises and/or grounds of Balbriggan RFC including at or near the Astro facility.

17. Any faults with the Astro pitches need to be reported by patrons and users before play or immediately upon discovery of a fault.

18. Each booking will be for a specified Astro pitch for the duration of the booking unless you have booked both Astro pitches.

19. Use of Balbriggan RFC's grass pitches is strictly prohibited. Additional charges will be added to your account if these facilities are used and/or abused.

20. Management does not accept responsibility for any illness or injury resulting from use of the facilities at Balbriggan RFC, Inch, Balrothery, Co. Dublin.

21. Patrons and users with any known medical conditions should consult with their medical practitioner before participating in any form of exercise.

22. Balbriggan RFC reserves the right to limit the number of patrons and users using the Astro facility at any time in the interests of health and safety.

23. Football boots, studded shoes, heeled shoes, spiked shoes or outdoor shoes are all forbidden on the playing surface. Moulded sole football trainers or multi-studded boots (maximum length 6mm) are permitted. No steel studs under any circumstances.

24. Patrons and users must clean their footwear prior to and after using the astro pitches

25. Glass bottles, alcohol, chewing gum, eating, vaping and smoking are strictly forbidden on or near the astro pitch area.

26. Balbriggan RFC reserves the right to cancel use on the Astro Facility. Any fees paid will be carried forward to a new booking to be agreed with the patron.

27. The management reserves the right to cancel any or all bookings if patrons using the astro pitches fail to abide by these rules and regulations.

28. All patrons and users are expected to respect the facilities, property and equipment of Balbriggan RFC. Any damage done to facilities, property, or equipment, fair wear and tear excepted, must be made good by the individual, group, club or organisation responsible for the damage.