

Example of a completed football pitch assessment worksheet using 3 pitch locations

Section A:

Pitch No. / Location: Main pitch		Games played: 33		Date of testing: 10/12/25		
	Performance standard					
	Live Ground Cover	Desirable Grasses	Undesirable Grasses	Weed Content	Bare Ground Cover	Dead or Decaying Cover
Unit	%	%	%	%	%	%
L1. P1	58	50	3	5	40	2
L1. P2	62	44	9	7	32	6
L1. P3	41	30	4	7	50	9
L2. P1	74	65	5	4	26	0
L2. P2	75	70	0	5	20	5
L2. P3	62	50	5	7	30	8
L3. P1	93	75	5	13	7	0
L3. P2	88	75	7	6	5	7
L3. P3	94	80	4	10	0	6
Average Mean	71.9	59.9	4.7	7.1	23.3	4.8
Average Median	74	65	5	7	26	6

The total ground cover should ideally add up to 100% (or very close to it where rounding figures up or down):

- Using the average mean, the total ground cover = 100% (Live: 71.9%; Bare: 23.3%; Dead: 4.8%).
- Using the average median, the total ground cover = 106% (Live: 74%; Bare: 26%; Dead: 6%).

Section B:

	Sward Height	Earthworm Casting	Root Depth ⁺	Even / Smooth Surface
Unit	mm	%	mm	±mm
L1. P1	38	8	50	18
L1. P2	45	4	-	14
L1. P3	42	5	-	20
L2. P1	40	1	60	15
L2. P2	36	0	-	20
L2. P3	39	3	-	18
L3. P1	48	12	75	22
L3. P2	55	10	-	15
L3. P3	56	8	-	16
Average Mean	44.3	5.7	61.7	17.6
Average Median	42	8	60	18

⁺ Just 1 assessment and reading per location used for the root depth this time

Section C:

Ponding			Lines	Colour uniformity	Surface debris
No.	Area (m ²)	Depth (mm)	m	%	Soft % Hard %
1	3	2	28	75	1 0
2	4	1			
3	7	2			
4	-	-			
5	-	-			
6	-	-			
7	-	-			
8	-	-			

Guidance for completing a worksheet

Important Note: All percentage values (except earthworm casts) relate to the total of ground cover being 100%. This means that the three main categories of live (which then consists of desirable grasses, undesirable grasses and weeds), dead/decaying, and bare areas, will all add up to 100%.