



YFC Calderdale Football Cage Information and Booking Form

General Information

The football cage is a cage to play football in. It is a great way to engage young people in a fast moving game. It has sometimes been described as a “people magnet” as it proves to be a draw for people watching and waiting for their turn. This gives great opportunities for starting conversations. It is stored and transported on a trailer, and can be erected in many places. It takes around 30 minutes to erect, depending on the conditions and the number of people available to help, and a similar amount of time to take down.



Siting the cage

The cage is designed to sit on tarmac, although other surfaces can be considered. The surface must be reasonably smooth and level. If it is to be erected on grass, the grass must be close cropped, with no ruts or bumps, level and firm. The cage is approximately 10m in diameter and 3m high. To allow for some space around the cage, a space of around 12m x 12m is required. Before erecting the cage, the cage supervisor must perform a risk assessment on the site, taking into consideration the state of the ground and weather conditions amongst other things. The decision on whether or not to erect the cage lies with the supervisor, and must be respected. We have floodlights and a generator

available, so the cage can be used at night.



The Game

Each game is 2 minutes long and is for teams of 2 against 2. The game is about skill and teamwork, and is suitable for boys and girls or men and women of just about all ages. In order to score a goal, the ball must touch the back of the goal structure, and the shot must have come from within the opponents half. The team with the most goals after 2 minutes is the winner. If the scores are level after 2 minutes, then play carries on until the next goal is scored. If the ball goes out of the cage, then the game is ended and the team that caused the ball to go out loses the game. The game can also be won with a “nutmeg”. To achieve a nutmeg, the player puts the ball through the opponent’s legs and collects it the other side without the ball touching anyone or anything else. At the end of the game, the winning team stays on to take on the next challengers, up to a maximum of 3 games in a row.





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In order to book the football cage for your event, please fill in the following form.

Name of Event –

Address of event –

Date –

Start time –

Finish time –

Please give a description of the nature of the event –

What is the surface for the proposed site for the cage? (please ensure that the surface is level and even, and that there is a 12m x 12m space).

Is there vehicular access to the site? (If not, please state the nearest vehicular access)

How many volunteers can you supply to help with erection and dismantling?

How many volunteers can you supply to help with the running of the cage?

Name of Organisation –

Name of Contact –

Contact email address –

Contact mobile number –

Please return this completed form to bob@yfccalderdale.org.uk or post to YFC Calderdale, 5 St Ives Road, Halifax HX3 0LT.

Notes on costs – Our policy for running the football cage outside Calderdale is to charge £50 per hour of running, plus travelling costs. For events within Calderdale we would probably not make a charge, but would look for a donation towards running costs where possible.