



Indoor 2022-2023 Season

Frequent Asked Questions

As we transition to the new indoor season there will no doubt be questions regarding the Clubs plans for programming while we await the opening of our new facility. To provide transparency and clear communication we have created this FAQ document. Newer questions will appear at the top.

If you have questions please address them to **PFC Board** c/o execdirector@pickeringfc.ca

Where will my team be training this winter?

PFC Staff have worked very hard to secure school gyms in collaboration with DDSB and DDCSB. We have also secured community gym space in partnership with the City of Pickering.

Are outside facilities at an extra cost?

No, PFC will be covering the cost to meet our program schedule of two sessions per week per team.

Are the outside facilities local or further away?

We have been able to secure all facilities within Durham Region and specifically Pickering and Ajax.

Can we still train outside?

Yes, the City of Pickering has been supportive in allowing us to extend grass field permits to the Thanksgiving weekend. The City have also approved turf field permits until November 30th.

What if my team finds additional gym time?

Teams should first work with PFC Staff to ensure we have met any additional Club needs. Provided that the Club has covered all programming time then teams can book additional field time to be paid by the team budget.

Are fees staying the same even if we are in gyms compared to a turf field?

Yes, the program fee encapsulates fixed costs for the Club that run through all programs. Fees will stay the same and teams will still get turf time during their weekly matches in the YRSL or PISL.

How will I know where and when we are training?

As always, your coach will be the point person for all of this information and it will be entered into your Sports Engine account from the Team Manager. We expect to have these details confirmed with each team by mid-September.



As PFC Families, how are we being kept up-to-date?

The weekly PFC Newsletter will provide necessary program updates as well as social media feeds (Twitter, Instagram, and Facebook). Specific team information will be shared by coaching staff and program administrators using the Sports Engine app that your family is assigned to.

Why has this information not come to us sooner?

The timeline was confirmed with the Club only once the City and the City insurer had confirmed their next steps. We took the chance to seek upgrades as part of this timeline and it was shared publicly by the City of Pickering social media on August 18th.

The storm that destroyed the original dome was back in January. We have watched several other soccer domes be re-constructed across Ontario since then. We are also concerned, knowing how the construction industry has been impacted lately and the fact that this construction is happening over the winter that the estimated time of completion will be accurate.

We met as recently as September 13th with the dome and turf manufacturer who are comfortable with the timeline and have committed to this under their contract with the City loss adjustor. With regard to other domes, these were not as significantly damaged as the Pickering Soccer Centre and are smaller in size. The other dome that still remains down elsewhere will not be rebuilt.

Why has PFC not secured an adequate practice space for your teams during construction? Especially the competitive ones? How do you hope to have strong teams representing the club with sub-standard practice facilities?

Pickering FC Staff took a very thorough look at all available gym and turf spaces for this upcoming indoor season. We project that the cost of turf time to meet our current need would be in excess of \$200,000. This is a cost the Club would bear in addition to the mortgage payment of the dome. Gym spaces have been shown to enhance development (futsal) of players due to the faster speed of play and therefore, not be a detriment.

PFC will continue to provide general updates in the weekly PFC Newsletter; a web-page will share this FAQ document and construction updates on the dome. Team Staff will be kept up-to-date on a daily basis and social media will also provide updates.