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To: Members of Hawarden Community Council

From: Stuart Lawrence

Date: 04/03/2019

Request to Consider Improved Facilities to and for Hawarden Rangers Football Club

Dear Community Council Members

I apologise to members of the Hawarden Community Council if I did not make it clear what Hawarden Rangers Football Club was requesting of the Council when I addressed members in March 2018

From Season 2020/21 the Football Association of Wales (FAW) is restructuring its leagues and, if Hawarden Rangers wishes to play at the highest level possible, the Club will have to meet the requirements of "Tier 3 Ground Regulations." Following a ground inspection carried out by the FAW in September 2018 it was highlighted that there are two outstanding issues to address:

- 1 To provide a 100-seater spectator stand.
- 2 To increase the width of the present main pitch by 7 meters.

In my March meeting with you I outlined how the Club proposed addressing the first issue. With reference to the second issue, and having measured carefully this requirement, the Club is confident that the impact of such an extension would not unduly affect the other football pitches.

Councillors will be aware of how over the years improvements been made to the facilities at Gladstone: the interior of the pavilion adapted and refurbished to accommodate, with showers, four teams and officials (including separate facilities for female officials); improved spectator safety (pitch barriers and walking paths around the playing surface) The expense of such improvements met by many fund raising efforts.

Councillors will also be aware of the history of organised football at Gladstone – the senior section formed in 1974 and the junior section formed in 1984 – and aware of the successes of then various teams over the years as well as the success of individual players who have represented their country at various levels (amateur and professional) Michael Owen, Ian Rush and Gary Speed.

The Club is still one of North Wales' biggest, in numbers of players (300 playing members from aged 4 to a senior playing member aged 40) and successful clubs supported by a host of volunteers: committee members, managers, coaches, parents

In meeting this strict criterion set out by the FAW, all current and future playing members of Hawarden Rangers will benefit from playing at this high standard of Welsh football for a further 44yrs as they transition through the club from Under 7's to Senior football.

Thank you for considering this letter and members of the Club would be pleased to expand further on why it is important that the issues highlighted by the FAW should be addressed – and the 90% of the cost would be met by the FAW.

I have provided copies of both the Tiers 3 Ground Criteria and the report from the FAW's inspection in September. Both documents show that we meet all the requirements set out by the FAW, except for the pitch extension and 100-seater stand.

Your sincerely

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Stuart Lawrence', written over a horizontal line.

Stuart Lawrence

Vice Chairman – Hawarden Rangers

FAW Councilor for NE Wales.

Tier 3 Ground Regulations

The 'A Criteria' contained in this document were agreed by the National Game Board at their meeting on 23rd October 2017.

All other criteria, stated in the FAW Tier 2 Ground Regulations, are to be included in the FAW Tier 3 Ground Regulations, as 'B' criteria, which is recommended criteria, but not mandatory. Clubs wishing to participate at Tier 3 of the FAW Pyramid in the 2020/21 season, must achieve the following criteria by 30th April 2020.

I.02 – Approved Capacity Level

(A criteria)

1. The Applicant must have in place an approved capacity level, which is relevant and safe for all competitions. The minimum capacity for Tier 3 clubs is 500.
2. The Applicant must;
 - a. have in place at least 100 covered seats, which are in compliance with criteria I.15.
 - b. Or, for clubs promoted to Tier 3 at end of the 2019/2020 season must have 50 seats on 30th April 2020 to meet the seating requirement for Tier 3 criteria to remain in the League for the 2020/21 season. The same club would require the full criteria of 100 seats by 30th April 2021 to meet the seating requirement for Tier 3 criteria to remain in the League for the 2021/22 season.

I.04 – Public Communication System

(A criteria)

1. The stadium must be equipped with a public communication system.
2. The public communication system should cover **all areas of the stadium** and be secured against failures of the main power supply.

I.05 – Field of Play

(A/ B criteria)

The field of play must be smooth and level.

1. The stadium must be equipped with either a natural playing surface or football turf. *(A criteria)*
2. Football turf must meet all of the following conditions: *(A criteria)*
 - a) It must have been granted the required FIFA licence in accordance with the FAW Regulations for synthetic pitches;
 - b) It must meet all the requirements of the national legislation in force;
 - c) Its surface must be green and marked with white lines.
3. *(B Criteria)*
4. The field of play should be 105 metres long and 68 metres wide. If this is not possible due to stadium constraints, the minimum allowable is 98m long and 62 metres wide. *(A criteria)*

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5. There must be a grass verge or alternatively artificial turf of the minimum width of 1.5 metres between the touch line and the perimeter barrier. It is recommended that this distance is 3 metres. (A criteria)
6. Barriers or emergency gates must surround the perimeter of the pitch. (A criteria)

I.06 – Warm-Up Area (A criteria)

A warm-up area for substitutes must be available along the touchlines, behind the advertising boards behind the goal or on a separate area.

I.07 – Goals and Spare Goals (A criteria)

1. Goalposts and crossbars must be made out of aluminium or similar material and must be round or elliptical. Moreover, they must be in compliance with the Laws of the Game as promulgated by the International Football Association Board (IFAB), which means, in particular, that:
 - a) the distance between the posts must be 7.32m;
 - b) the distance from the lower edge of the crossbar to the ground must be 2.44m;
 - c) the goalposts and crossbars must be white;
 - d) they must not pose any danger to players.

I.08 – Substitutes' benches (A criteria)

- a) The Stadium must be equipped with two covered benches at pitch level, each with seating room for at least 8 people and positioned either side of the Halfway Line. The two benches must be on the same side as each other.
- b) Clubs should consider that any developments to the Substitutes benches should the capacity to 13 people.

I.09 – Dressing Rooms (A criteria)

- 1 The Stadium must be equipped with:
 - a) A dressing-room for each team with a minimum of four showers, seating room for at least 18 people and exclusive use, with private access to one individual seated toilet.
 - b) A referees' dressing-room with a minimum of one shower, access to one exclusive individual seated toilet and seating room for three people.
- 2 Clubs must make provision to provide a safe access and egress for both teams and the referees from their dressing-rooms to the playing area and ensure their safe arrival at/departure from the stadium.

I.13 – Parking Areas (A criteria)

1. Parking space for a minimum of ten cars must be made available for the teams and officials.

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2. This parking space must be located in a safe and secure area in the immediate vicinity of the players' and officials' area.

I.14 – Refreshment Facilities

(A criteria)

1. Clubs must provide Players and Match Officials with food and drink after the game.

I.15 – Stands and Spectator Facilities

(A criteria)

1. Seats for spectators must be individual, fixed (e.g. to the floor), separated from one another, shaped, made of an unbreakable and non-flammable material and have a backrest of a minimum height of 30 cm when measured from the seat.
2. The use of temporary stands is prohibited.
3. The stadium must be equipped with Refreshment and Catering facilities for all spectators in every sector of the stadium.
4. Bench seating of any description is prohibited.

I.16 – Hardstanding

(A/B criteria)

1. There must be hardstanding surrounding one length and one width of the field of play, comprising of concrete, paving stones or tarmac. Hardstanding of a temporary nature will not be approved under any circumstances. *(A Criteria)*
2. All mandatory Spectator Areas must be accessed by Hardstanding. *(A Criteria)*
3. Where the stadium is part of a larger sports complex, the football area must be totally enclosed from all other activities, if another activity is taking place at the same time. *(A Criteria)*

I.19 – Sanitary Facilities

(A/B criteria)

1. Sufficient clean and hygienic sanitary facilities must be distributed evenly throughout all sectors of the stadium for male and females spectators. Toilets and urinals must be equipped with flushers. Sinks and amenities such as toilet paper and soap must be available. *(A Criteria)*

I.20 – First Aid Officer

(A criteria)

1. Clubs must have the services of at least one fully qualified First Aid Officer at each home match.
2. The First Aid Officer must produce a valid certificate confirming at least six hours of training.

I.21 – Facilities for spectators with disabilities

(A/B criteria)

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1. Clubs, in consultation with a local disability group (or Level Playing Field for example) must have undertaken a review of its own procedures with regard to the level of service it provides for spectators with disabilities. *(A criteria)*
2. In addition, persons with disabilities should have dedicated sanitary facilities as well as refreshment and catering facilities nearby. *(A criteria)*
3. One disabled toilet should be available for every 15 wheelchair users. *(A criteria)*

I.22 – Ground Regulations

(A criteria)

1. The club must arrange to have its Ground Regulations fixed in suitable areas of the ground in such a way that the spectators can read them.
2. Ground Regulations should at least provide information on; Admission rights, abandonment and postponement of events, a description of prohibitions and penalties such as entering the field of play, throwing objects, use of foul and abusive language, racist behaviour, restrictions with regard to alcohol, fireworks, flares, banners, seating rules and causes for ejection from the Stadium.

FOOTBALL ASSOCIATION OF WALES

FAW Tier 3 Ground Criteria (V.1)

Club Action Plan Checklist



Name of the Club:	Hawarden Rangers FC
League:	Welsh National League
Ground:	

Signed by Club: - _____ Position: - _____ Date: - _____

Signed by FAW: - _____ Position: - _____ Date: - 17.09.18

Please note that clubs are expected to notify the FAW and provide evidence of any changes / upgrades made at the stadium in a timely manner. Upon receipt and acceptance, the FAW will update this checklist.

1. Action Plan

1.1 Explanation of the Action Plan

This Action Plan will assist clubs in preparing to meet the FAW Tier 3 Ground Criteria.

The Action Plan is also used by the auditor to record details of the site visit and as a means to agree any club activity aimed at addressing areas of non-compliance with the Tier 3 Regulations. It is set out as follows:

	Provides club with key information	Details the documents that are required by the	Column is for the FAW Auditor to note any relevant comments / non	FAW Auditor lists the action points for the club to make in order to
Infrastructure	Safety & Security	Documents Required at audit	Observations (FAW to complete)	Recommended Action (FAW to complete)
Criteria	Definition			
FAW Ref: N/A	Refers to the total spectator capacity at the clubs ground.			
FAW Ref: N/A				

1.2 The Audit

Following your recent ground inspection, any areas of non-compliance or those that have been identified by the auditor for improvement will be reported to the club representative and documented in this Action Plan. The auditor will also detail those areas that require further review by the Association's in-house specialists on each criteria subject if relevant.

1.3 Club Contact

Each club shall appoint a nominated club representative as a point of contact for licensing issues.

This representative shall be notified to the FAW and will act as a point of contact for the Association. The Association's point of contact is –

Steven Jones (Licensing Manager) **Fax – 029 20 496 953** **Mobile - 07769 356493** **E-mail – sjones@faw.co.uk**

Clubs should be aware that FAW representatives involved in National Club Licensing / Ground Criteria are subject to confidentiality agreements.

1.4 Failure to meet the audit requirements

Failure to meet the points raised in this action plan, by the set deadline will mean the club will not meet the Tier 3 Ground Criteria.

Club Action Plan

Audit Questionnaire on Infrastructure Criteria

A Criteria only.

Criteria	Definition	FAW Guidance	Documents Required at audit	Observations (FAW to complete)	Recommended Action (FAW to complete)
I.02 Approved Capacity Level	The Licence applicant must have an approved Capacity level which is relevant and safe for all competitions.	Club must have in place at least 100 covered seats or, for clubs promoted to Tier 3 at end of the 2019/2020 season must have 50 seats on 30th April 2020 to meet the seating requirement for Tier 3 criteria to remain in the League for the 2020/21 season.	Capacity (500min) Covered Seats (100 min) <input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Currently 0 seats.	Minimum of 100 covered seats required by 30 th April 2020, in order to meet Tier 3 criteria.

I.04 Public Address System	The public communication system should cover all areas of the stadium and be secured against failures of the main power supply.	This can be a mobile PA system.	Working PA System <input type="checkbox"/>	Not in place.	Needs to be in place by 30 th April 2020.
I.05 Field of Play	Refers to the Field of Play in which the club plays its home League matches.	Club shall be required to show Facility at the Audit. Minimum dimensions must be 98m Length / 62 meters width.	Smooth and Level <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Drainage System <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Grass Verge (1.5m) <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Field Dimensions <input type="checkbox"/>	103m / 55m	Required to be at least 62m width. Width must be amended to at least 62m by 30 th April 2020.
I.06 Warm-Up Area	Refers to the area where players and match officials are able to engage in warm-up activities in preparation for Substitutes during the Match	Club shall be required to show Facility at the Audit.	Warm-Up Area available <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>		None.

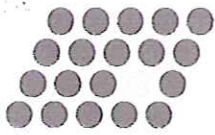
<p>L07 Goals</p>	<p>Refers to the Two-Sets of Goalposts at the Ground.</p>	<p>Club shall be required to show the Goals at the Audit, which meet the Laws of the Game.</p>	<p>Two Sets of Goals to meet Laws of the Game <input checked="" type="checkbox"/></p>	<p>None.</p>
<p>L08 Substitute Benches</p>	<p>Refers to the seated area for Substitute players and Officials during the game.</p>	<p>Clubs should have a covered area on same side of pitch for both teams with seating for min. 8 people.</p>	<p>Two Sets of Dugouts for 8 Players <input checked="" type="checkbox"/></p>	<p>None.</p>
<p>L09 Dressing Rooms</p>	<p>Refers to the facility set aside for the use of players, technicians, officials on a match day.</p>	<p>Clubs should have the provision of two Dressing Rooms and a Referees Room, with all of the Facilities listed in the Regulations.</p>	<p>Dressing room for 18 <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> 4 Showers in Each <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> 1 WC in Each <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Referee Dressing Room <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> One Shower <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> 1 Seated toilet <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> 3 Seats <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Safe and Protected Access to the Field of Play and to /from Stadium <input type="checkbox"/></p>	<p>Club will need to have a provision in place to ensure direct, private and safe access to pitch for players and match officials.</p>
<p>L13 Parking Areas</p>	<p>Refers to the provision of Car Parking for Players, Match Officials and VIP's.</p>	<p>The club should also guarantee safe and protected access from the Dressing Rooms to the Pitch and to and from the Stadium upon arrival / departure.</p>	<p>Availability for 10 Cars <input checked="" type="checkbox"/></p>	<p>None.</p>

P.14 Refreshments Facilities	Clubs must provide Players and Match Officials with food and drink after the game.	Can be off-site.	Availability <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	None.
I.15 Stands and Spectator Facilities	Refers to the Configuration and Construction of the Stadium Seating	Must be individual, fixed, separated, shaped, unbreakable, non-flammable and backrest of 30cm. Bench Seating and Temporary Seats unavailable. Refreshments must be available.	Suitable Seat Construction <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Refreshments for Spectators <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No temporary / bench seats <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	See I.02 re no. of seats. See I.02 re no. of seats.
I.16 Hardstanding	Describes the hardstanding and Spectator Areas around the Field of Play	Must have required hardstanding around Field of Play and meet the other necessary requirements	Hardstanding on at least one length and one width of pitch <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	None.

I.19 Sanitary Facilities for Spectators	Refers to the provision of an adequate number of toilet facilities within the Stadium	Sufficient clean and hygienic sanitary facilities must be distributed evenly throughout all sector of the stadium for male and female spectators.	Required Male <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Required Female <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	None.
I.20 First Aid Officer.	Refers to the standard of first aid support within the stadium.	At least one fully qualified First Aid Officer at each home match. The First Aid Officer must produce a valid certificate confirming at least 6 hours of training.	Required Personnel <input type="checkbox"/> Valid certificate <input type="checkbox"/>	Individual with require qualification to be in place by 30 th April 2020.
I.21 Facilities for Spectators with Disabilities	Refers to a review of the level of service the club provides for spectators with disabilities.	Clubs must have undertaken a review with regard to the level of service it provides for spectators with disabilities.	Consultation with Disability Group or supporter(s) <input type="checkbox"/>	To be completed by 30 th April 2020.

<p>L22 Ground Regulations</p>	<p>Refers to the regulations applicable within the ground and the means by which the club communicates these to spectators.</p>	<p>The relevant Regulations should be displayed prominently at the Turnstiles and around the Ground where necessary.</p>	<p>Evidence of Ground Regulations at Turnstiles <input type="checkbox"/></p>	<p>To be in place by 30th April 2020.</p>
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Notes:



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Cl/SfB 5 + 7 (72.6)	X

Technical data sheet - Premier Grandstand



Description

The Premier Grandstand is a simple, modular seating solution for sports grounds. Modules are available with or without seats, and can be joined together to create larger banks. The Premier Grandstand is delivered to site in one piece and simply fixed down onto a concrete base.

Features and Benefits

- Available in a choice of capacities - 42, 50, 58 or 75 spectators on the seated version, or 70, 85, 100 or 125 spectators on the "standing" version.
- Complies with FA Green Guide requirements .
- Fitted out with spectator seats to FIFA/UEFA requirements.
- Fully welded steel construction.
- Galvanised seat frames for improved weather resistance, with durable black PPA coating (other colours on request).
- Optional wheelchair positions available (seated grandstands only).
- Sides can be fitted with partial cladding and rails, with optional perspex above.
- Seat colour and cladding colour can be chosen from our range; please see pages 5 and 6.



Chair Specification

Seat and Backrest

Injection moulded UV stabilised polypropylene. See page 5 for colour options. Includes recesses in seat and back for seat number.

Chair Frame

25 x 25 x 2mm SHS and 5mm mild steel plate to standards as per structural steelwork below. Fully galvanised finish with legs powder coated black. LDPE tube end plugs.

Seat Tip Up Mechanism

Gravity mechanism with 10mm dia. mild steel pivot pin and stopper pin.

Structural Steelwork

Welded steel structure consisting of:

Trusses:	80 x 80 x 5mm SHS (end trusses) 120 x 80 x 5mm RHS (central trusses) 40 x 40 x 4mm SHS
Horizontal Members and Cross Braces:	40 x 40 x 4mm SHS
Gusset Plates:	10mm mild steel plate
Floor Plates:	10mm mild steel plate
Side Rail:	60 x 60 x 5mm SHS 60 x 40 x 4mm RHS

Finished with zinc phosphate primer and gloss top coat. Standard colour: black; other RAL colours on request at additional cost.

Deck

6mm steel Durbar chequer floor plate to BS EN 10025: 1993 S275 JR

Cladding

Hot dip galvanised zinc coated steel sheet to BS EN 10147 with 20 micron polyester coating, on galvanised substrate.

Fixed to structure with zinc coated self tapping screws with HDPE end caps to match cladding.

Butyl sealant strips between adjoining cladding boards to prevent water ingress.

Finish: Internal finish in cream. External finish in choice of finishes, see page 5 for details.

Standards Conformance

Seats

Flammability: BS5852 Ignition source 0 & 1
Strength: BS4875 Parts 1 & 3 - severe contract use.

Structure

All SHS and RHS to BS EN 10219-1: 1997 S275
All mild steel plate to BS EN 10025: 1993 S275
Structural Steelwork: BS5950 Part 1: 2000
Wind Resistance: BS6399

Layout

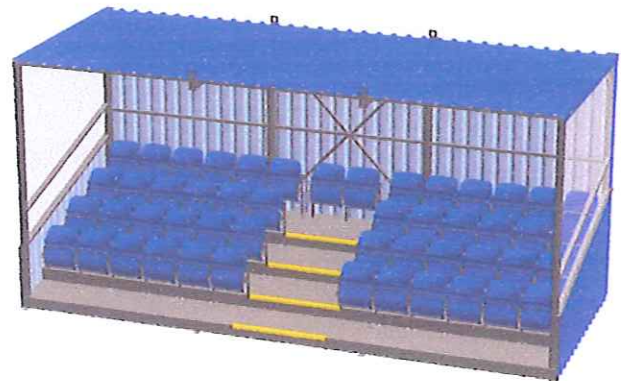
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Options and accessories

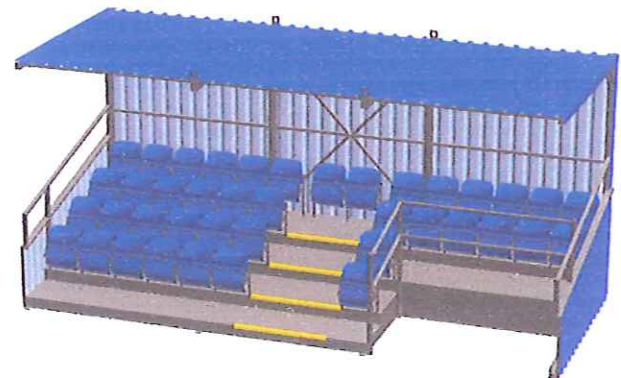
Accessories

- Seat numbers
- Wheelchair cutout
- Side options (left and right hand side can be specified separately):
 - No finish
 - Finished with rails and half cladding
 - Finished with rails, half cladding and perspex window

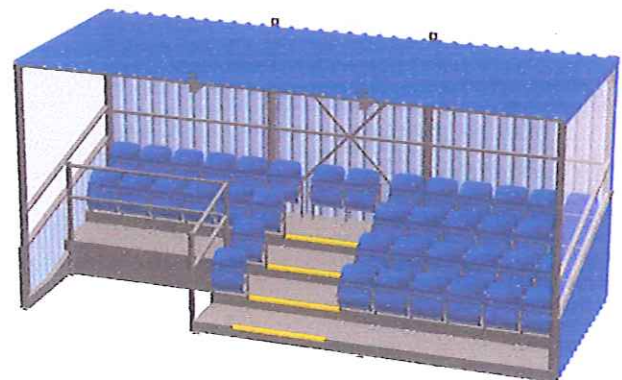
As standard, single modules will be specified with rails and half cladding. Where more than one module is joined together, no side finish will be specified at the joins, and rails and half cladding will be specified at each end.



50 seat module with rails, half cladding and perspex window



50 seat module with rails, half cladding and left hand wheelchair cutout



50 seat module with rails, half cladding, perspex window and right hand wheelchair cutout.

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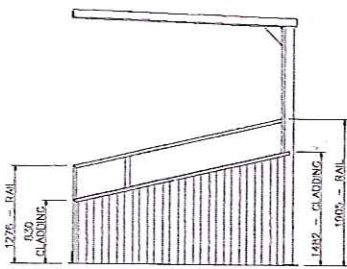
PG Seated Grandstands

Available with 42, 50, 58 or 75 seats, with or without wheelchair cutouts. Each module has four platforms and one aisle.

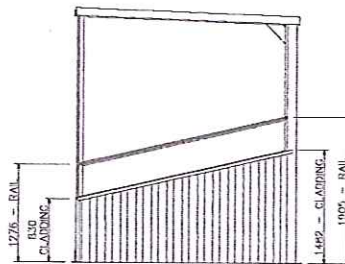
Overall Weights and Dimensions

	Premier PG42	Premier PG50	Premier PG58	Premier PG75
Width (mm)	6010	6930	7850	9840
Seat count (no cutout)	42	50	58	75
Seat count / wheelchair count (with cutout)	34 / 2	40 / 2	48 / 2	63 / 3
Typical weight (kg)	2920	3220	3530	4460

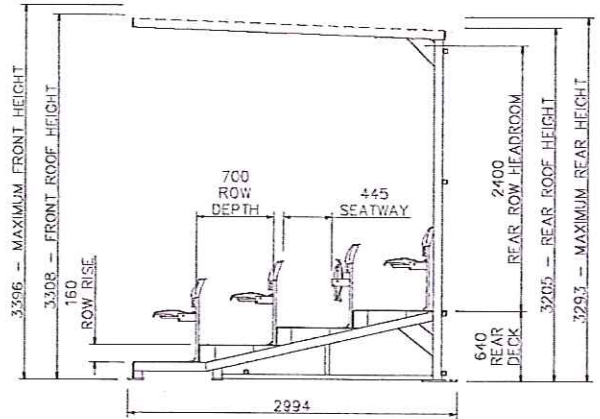
Side Elevations



With side rail and half cladding



With side rail, half cladding and perspex



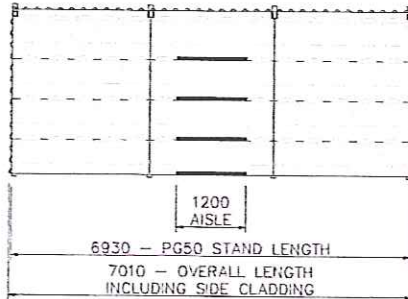
Cut-away to seating

Plan Layouts

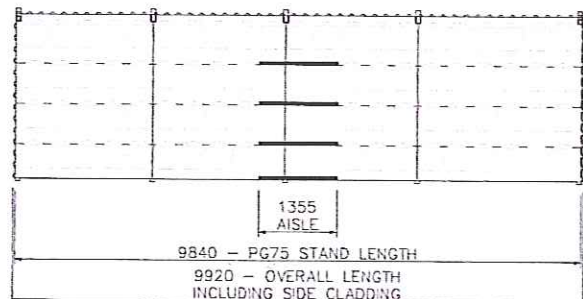
50 and 75 seater stands are shown for illustration - please ask us for layouts for other sizes. All stands are shown with side rails and half cladding to each side.

50 seats

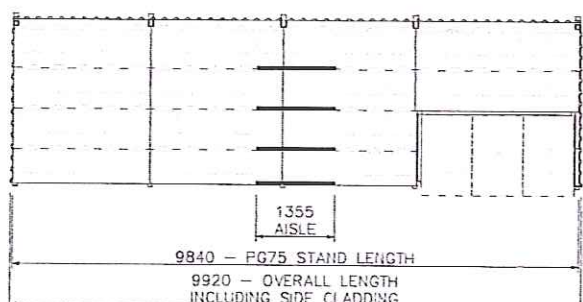
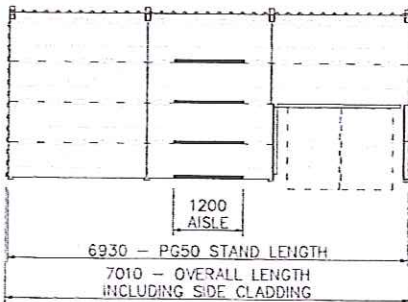
Modules with no wheelchair cutouts



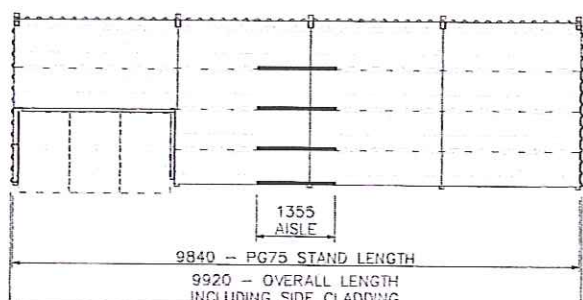
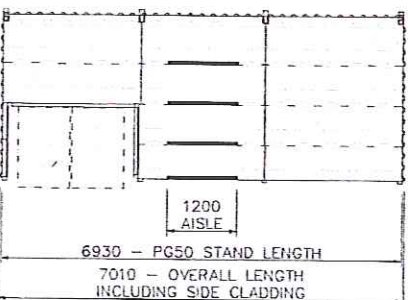
75 seats



Modules with left hand wheelchair cutouts*



Modules with right hand wheelchair cutouts*



* left and right are taken from spectator point of view

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