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The area of the pitch

The laws of the game do not state any specific size that a football pitch must be, which means that throughout the football league all football clubs have pitches of various different sizes. This is one of the reasons why the home team has an advantage as they will be more used to the size of their pitch.

The laws do state that the width of the pitch must be between 45 metres and 90 metres wide and the length of the pitch must be between 90 and 120 metres long. The pitch must also be rectangular, and the length of the pitch must not be the same as the width. Why is this the case?

Manchester City (Maine Road) has the largest pitch in the league at 107 metres by 73 metres (approximately). Halifax Town (The Shay) and Swansea City (Vetch Field) have the smallest pitches in the league at 100 metres by 64 metres.

The area of the pitch - length x width

Can you work out the area of:

Maine Road

The Shay and Vetch Field

Many football clubs have pitches which are the halfway point between the minimum size and the maximum size. These include Villa Park (Aston Villa) and St James' Park (Newcastle United).

What size is their width?

What is the maximum size that the area of a pitch could be?

What size is their length?

What size is the area of each?

What is the minimum size that the area of a pitch could be?



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