

 **Grounds Association**

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If financial restraint is going to limit purchases and square and outfield activities, the following is a list of which I think the priorities should take preference.

1. Shave square down to playing height
2. Vigoursly scarify the square in at least two directions i.e. stump to stump and a slight diagonal to form a diamond shape profile (**never** at right angles).
3. Solid tine to a depth of 100mm, but only when there is some moisture in the square.
4. Repeat solid tining, when conditions allow, at approx 6 week intervals but no later than late January/early March depending on the type of loam you use.
5. If seeding and loam top dressing is affordable, do this process after the first solid tining.
6. ‘Top-off’ new growth with a sharp rotary mower to about 12-15mm when conditions allow.

**Outfield Maintenance** – Scarification is recommended if affordable. It has emerged that ‘Verti-draining’ and ‘Shockwaving’ are ideally done in alternate close seasons.

**Winter Tip** – Leave heavy roller diesel tanks low as the product deteriorates if left for 6 months!!