

<b>126</b>	<b>Use of Sports Grounds</b>	<b>V2 Current</b>
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## **1. PURPOSE**

This policy is to establish guidelines for the use of sports grounds and playing fields by organisations to ensure a fair and equitable allocation of the City's facilities.

## **2. SCOPE**

The policy is to apply to the use of all City sports grounds and playing fields by clubs, associations and organisations.

## **3. POLICY CONTENT**

The hire of sports grounds and/or playing fields may be granted on application to the City of Busselton. Organisations will need to lodge applications identifying a liaison officer and the times and periods of use requested.

### **3.1 Use of Sports Grounds**

#### **3.1.1 Seasonal Use**

Seasonal use applications need to be made when expressions of interest are advertised in August/September for summer sports and January/February for winter sports.

The hire of any sport ground or playing field and payment of fees by any organisation, association or club does not confer any sole right of access to that City facility and does not confer any rights of use of the grounds other than for those specific approved times and periods. Council charges all organisations using recreation grounds for exclusive use of a portion of, or the whole of, a recreation facility.

No unauthorised person or group of persons shall refuse access to the grounds when they are not in use by the hirer as it is Council's right to decide the management and use of reserves and recreation areas owned, vested or controlled by it.

#### **3.1.2 Occasional Use**

Sports Grounds and playing fields for occasional hire (including pre-season training) may be granted provided that such use does not interfere with any seasonal hire use and the hirer pays the appropriate occasional use charge.

### **3.2 Marking Out**

The City of Busselton will mark out the various sports grounds once at the commencement of each season and thereafter it will be the responsibility of each organisation to re-mark its grounds.

### **3.3 Equipment and Materials**

All sporting clubs are expected to provide and maintain all equipment and materials needed to conduct their sport at their own expense eg: goal posts, goal rings, hockey goals etc.

### **3.4 Marking, Maintenance Equipment**

Unless other arrangements are in place with specific sporting clubs or organisations, all playing surfaces and irrigation systems will be provided by the City of Busselton and the grassed areas will also be maintained (water, mow and re-turf) by the City.

Should abnormal wear and tear occur, necessitating a maintenance program to be implemented, and it is necessary to apply restrictions on the usage of the ground, Council reserves the right to either not permit any usage or to reduce such usage until the City of Busselton considers the ground is sufficiently recovered. This applies whether the ground is booked or not.

## **4. APPLICATION OF THE POLICY**

The policy shall be applied by Community Services in dealing with applications for and management of the usage of the City's facilities.

### **Policy Background**

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