

## BACKGROUND

Council maintains various forms of sporting fields on behalf of the community. Council recognises that it has an obligation to maximise the sustainable use of its sporting fields and to accommodate competing demands for use of the fields on an equitable basis.

## OBJECTIVE

The objectives of this policy are to:

- ensure the sustainable use of Council's sporting fields while providing equitable access to training and playing facilities for all sporting agencies;
- optimise the utilisation of Council's limited sporting facilities throughout the LGA; and
- ensure all licensed facilities within the Local Government Area are accessed by sporting agencies when the licensed areas are not required for the immediate use of the licensee.

## POLICY STATEMENT

The provision of shared and equitable access to all sporting fields will be in accordance with the objectives outlined in this policy.

## STATEMENT OF PROCEDURES

- 1 That all sporting clubs and associations abide by the Terms and Conditions for the use of Council's Parks and Playing Fields.
- 2 That all sporting clubs that are in a contractual licence with Council abide by the Terms and Conditions of the licence agreement.
- 3 That all sporting clubs and associations utilising Council or licensed sportsgrounds ensure that their constitution support the objectives of this policy. Any organisation that has a constitution that prevents the sharing of grounds will not have access to Council's sporting facilities.
- 4 Access to all Council and licensed sportsgrounds be provided equitably following consultation between the Sports Fields Coordinator and the sporting club/association.
- 5 In seeking access to Council's sport fields and or licensed facilities all sporting clubs and associations must provide details of membership, club history, usage patterns and proposed future use of fields.
- 6 Shared access to all sporting fields be in accordance with Council's fees and charges.
- 7 Shared access to licensed facilities shall be provided by the licensee, noting that the licensee may charge a reasonable fee to cover the costs of the use by the sporting club. In the event that this fee cannot be agreed upon by both parties, Council reserves the right to set the fee.
- 8 Where regular access to a licensed sportsfield is required by more than one sporting club within the same code and affordable access is not negotiated then, upon renewal, the licence may be issued to the sport's peak association with the interests of those clubs protected within the agreement.

## SUMMARY SHEET

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