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POLICY NO. MPOL-20

TITLE:

**MANAGEMENT POLICY
ALLOCATION OF SPORTING FIELDS**

OBJECTIVES

To regulate the use of sporting fields and to establish guidelines for their equitable allocation.

POLICY STATEMENT

1. That the hitting of golf balls and the flying of model aircraft on sporting fields be prohibited.
2. That the Manager Works and the Horticultural Advisor be given delegated authority to restrict the use of any sports field when the condition of the playing surfaces are unsatisfactory for use.
3. That persons may not take alcohol into Verge Street No. 1 Oval Complex (Alcohol may be sold at the ground). (Minute 1.17885 11.6.91)
4. That the following guidelines be adopted to assist in the allocation of sporting fields:
 - (i) Two 6 month seasons be created, commencing on 1st April and 1st October each year (or as applicable to Sport Group draws).
 - (ii) On 1st February and 1st August each year, Council shall call for applications for use of grounds for the ensuing season.
 - (iii) Allocations shall be made based on applications received by 28th February and 31st August, in each year.
 - (iv) Applications shall be assessed and sporting fields allocated ensuring no conflicts of use. Where conflicts occur sportsfield User Groups are to be consulted to determine appropriate usage.
 - (v) Preference shall be given to those that are generally in accordance with past practice.

Generally,

State level events shall have preference
Regional events shall have precedence over local events
Grand Finals shall have precedence over Finals and Semi-Finals
Seniors shall have preference over juniors
Competition shall have preference over training.
 - (vi) Applications received after the closing dates of 28th February and 31st August to receive last priority.
 - (vii) Where applications conflict and past practice is not a determining factor, the conflicting organisations shall be requested to confer with one another and submit renewed applications.

- (viii) Sporting bodies wishing to conduct special "one off" sporting events using Council controlled sporting fields are required to make application to Council as soon as possible, and, where the conduct of such event is likely to impinge on the activities of some other sporting organisation, such applications are to be referred to the relevant local sports association and 14 days allowed for comment prior to Council determination.

Unless otherwise deemed to be detrimental, Council shall give preference to special "one off" sporting events that attract visitors and revenue to the area.