

Sportsground Allocation Policy Review 2025 – Summary of Proposed Changes

Key changes made to the Policy are summarised below.

Type	Description	Reason
Amendment	Section 3.2 (c): Winter Pre-Season period amended from 1 st March to First week of March	To align with the Policy's use of week markers (as opposed to days) and provide clarity for both Council staff and sporting user groups
Amendment	Section 3.2 (d): Summer Pre-Season period amended from 1 st August to Third week of August	To align with the Policy's use of week markers (as opposed to days) and provide clarity for both Council staff and sporting user groups
Amendment	Section 3.2 (e): Sporting field bookings may be made for a maximum duration of 6 weeks. For the purposes of this limit, any booking made within a calendar week, regardless of the number of days, will be counted as one full week.	To align with the Policy's use of week markers (as opposed to days) and provide clarity for both Council staff and sporting user groups
New inclusion	Section 3.4: Council reserves the right to close any Sportsground or sporting field to protect the playing surface, reduce the risk to users, to undertake capital improvements, impact due to weather conditions (including weather and drought) or to allow rehabilitation of the ground after damage.	To align with Council's asset management focus and provide clarity for both Council staff and sporting user groups around Council's responsibility for sportsground closure and conditions under which closure may occur
New inclusion	Section 3.10: The Hirer agrees to pay the fees and charges for the use of Council's sporting grounds in accordance with the schedule of Council's fees and charges current at the time of booking, including: a) Seasonal fees and charges for pre-season, winter season or summer season periods b) Casual fees and charges for off-season periods or casual bookings c) Sporting field floodlighting usage d) Relevant fines or bonds	To provide clarity for both Council staff and user groups around the responsibility of hirers to ensure all relevant fees and charges are paid