

Draft Athletic Facility Allocation Policy

Recreation and Parks Commission

November 10, 2022



Background

- ▶ Recreation & Parks Commission approved the Athletic Facility Allocation Policy on Jan. 13, 2022
- ▶ Now that staff has worked within this policy for nearly one year, these revisions are proposed to provide greater clarity and address issues that have arisen
- ▶ The major changes were already discussed with the user groups at the Fall allocation meeting and all groups were notified of this meeting and the proposed changes



ARPD Mission and Goals

OUR GOAL...

To make public athletic facilities
available to as many youth as
possible for a variety of
recreational opportunities.

- ▶ Every kid deserves a chance to try and play as many sports as they choose.



Revisions

- ▶ **Payment:** Invoices must be paid within 30 days of receipt or organization will lose its allocation status for the next season
- ▶ **Scheduling:** All required paperwork must be submitted by deadline or will lose allocation status. Also clarified schedule process. Allow one comprehensive set of changes after permit is issued. Otherwise a change fee of \$20 per change (per user fee schedule)



Revisions

- ▶ Multi-use, rectangular fields will be allocated based on number of usable, standard size fields. Primarily impacts soccer and staff already discussed with their representative.
 - ▶ 2 Fields to rent at Main Street Linear, Rittler and Godfrey Parks
- ▶ Adjust allocation season for fields to accommodate field maintenance closures to add a winter season at Estuary Park
- ▶ Met with tennis team representatives and developed a better reservation system that works with their USTA scheduling
- ▶ Info on heat illness
- ▶ Additional rules and regulations



Field Maintenance Closures

- ▶ Many fields are heavily used - daytime by schools, after school and weekends by users
- ▶ High expectations for field condition and baseline need for safe conditions
- ▶ Closures necessary to allow fields to rest and re-grow with overseeding, compost and other work
- ▶ Spoke with all users about the field closures and also took additional feedback and clarified language



Field Maintenance Closures

- ▶ Multi-use, rectangular fields generally closed Nov. - March and May - June
 - ▶ Rotating schedule to better accommodate user schedules
- ▶ Baseball fields generally closed Nov. - early Feb
- ▶ May - June closures are on a case by case basis, esp. baseball
- ▶ Rectangular fields need the most work due to soccer and football
- ▶ All closures will be communicated with users prior to allocation season. Staff will coordinate with users to minimize impacts on their schedules.



Closures due to Outside Conditions

- ▶ **Wet Weather:** ARPD staff closes fields on case by case basis after assessment of each for safe playability
- ▶ **Excessive Heat:** Temp 90 degrees or higher OR an Excessive Heat Warning is issued by Alameda County for area including the City
- ▶ **Poor Air Quality:** AQI is 150 or above (red) as issued by airnow.gov (BAAQMD)
- ▶ Closures are posted on ARPD Field and Gym Closure line by 2:00pm each day





Questions and Comments