

STRATFORD DISTRICT COUNCIL

SECTION: PARKS & RESERVES	
<u>POLICY: USE OF PLAYING FIELDS IN THE URBAN AREA</u>	
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BACKGROUND

The Council maintains extensive playing fields and facilities which are used by a number of different sporting codes. Keeping these grounds in good order and avoiding conflicts of interest requires a degree of control.

PURPOSE

1. No person or organisation shall conduct any sporting or organised recreational activity on any ground controlled by the Council unless the permission of the Council to do so has first been obtained.
2. Any person or organisation wishing to conduct such activity shall make written application to the Council for permission.
3. A charge for the use of the grounds shall be made either by payment of a seasonal rental, a daily rental, or where appropriate 15% of the gross gate takings. These charges are reviewed by Council annually.
4. That the winter season commences on 1 April and terminates on 30 September each year. The summer season is for the remainder of the 12 months. There can be an overlap between summer and winter codes provided there is mutual agreement between the affected codes that such an overlap can occur.
5. That the use of the grounds is always subject to Council's control through the Operations Manager and in the event of inclement weather the prior approval of the Operations Manager is to be obtained for the use of the ground.
6. That Council reserves the right to take over the ground for other activities should the need so arise and that this condition could be exercised in the event of an important local or national event.
7. That the users of the grounds accept that except where specific seasonal approval has been obtained the grounds will not be available for use on Sundays without the prior consent of the Council.

8. That the grounds be left in a clean and tidy condition at the conclusion of each days activities.
9. That any available lighting is maintained and used at no cost to the Stratford District Council.
10. That in respect of all fields, except the number one and two Rugby fields at Victoria Park, responsibility for the erection and dismantling of goals and the marking of fields will rest with the Park user.