

## **Allocation Policies Committee Recommended Changes**

Many changes have been made that are not substantive in nature. Among these are formatting changes, order changes, changes in phrasing to make the field and gym policies consistent, references to other agencies where appropriate, and others. Substantive changes are presented below.

### *Field Allocation Policy*

Section III.A. This section now includes definitions of “community use hours.” Please see document for wording.

Section III.D. A new item to clarify the scheduling of fee-based activities: “Fee based camps, clinics, and tryouts; fundraisers; and other revenue-based activities are not scheduled by CRS, but must be scheduled by FCPS, FCPA, or NVRPA and may be subject to use agreements and fees imposed by those agencies. Such programs, including paid coaches and third-party trainers, are acceptable use of CRS-allocated space if the services are available only to registered members of the organization and not for an additional fee (e.g., camp registration).”

Section IV.J. The for-profit definition is changed to be consistent with that of not-for-profit. It now reads: “A sports organization that makes a profit for individual personal gain by charging fees for admissions for games; assessing unusual or non-customary fees on the player, club, or team; or using semi-pro or pro players.” The old definition did not include the unusual or non-customary fees clause and did include a clause relating to fees for concessions or advertising.

Section V.A.2. The youth sports residency requirement has been revised to: “At least 90% of participants in a youth organization must be Fairfax County residents. At least 75% of participants from applicants that represent a single team not participating in any other organization receiving facility allocations from CRS must be Fairfax County residents.” The current policy requires 90% of participants from each youth organization and 90% of participants from each youth team (including those within organizations) to be residents.

Section V.A.5. This section now includes a description of reciprocity. Please see document for wording.

Section V.B.2. This section, the requirement for a code of conduct, now includes wording that mandates that groups must inform participants of the code of conduct and provide them with access to the code of conduct.

Section V.B.3. This section includes new wording to more clearly define “progressive discipline policy.” Please see document for wording.

Section V.D. Adds the following language: “Groups may not apply for space if they are allocated space from any other organization receiving space from CRS.”

Section V.I.A. Establishes a September 1 deadline for applications for synthetic turf fields over the winter season. Creates a single application deadline of December 1 for the spring and summer seasons. Changes the application deadline for the fall season from May 1 to June 1.

Section VII.A.2. Includes new wording that: “Sports programs and tournaments operated by Fairfax County or FCPA will be scheduled as Certified Athletic League/Organizations (priority 3) or tournaments with a local sponsor (priority 4a).” Other programs or activities sponsored by the county or FCPA will remain priority 2.

Section VII.A.4. Includes new order of scheduling for tournaments (was not included in current policy). Please see document for wording and order.

Section VIII.D.1.c. Deleted wording that requires organizations to adhere to the allocation formula as they schedule use. Added wording that: “Organizations may not redistribute space to other sports or organizations.”

Section VIII.D.7. Added the following language regarding adopted fields: “Memoranda of understanding regarding the development and allocation of fields may supersede the order of scheduling described in Section VII.A, but may not guarantee exclusive use or guarantee space above what is specified in Table 5.”

Section VIII.D.9. (Table 4) Changed field hockey primary season from spring to fall. Added a winter season (December 1-February 28) for synthetic turf fields only and made the winter season the primary season for winter leagues and organized/scheduled game play for all sports.

Section VIII.D.10.a. Changed “All games must be completed within the allocation season” to “All use must be completed within 16 weeks of beginning.” (This is to ensure consistency with the application fee policy and current practice.)

Section VIII.D.11 (Table 5) Changed the age groups and allocation formulas for baseball, lacrosse, soccer, and softball as attached. Age group changes are also reflected in Section V.A.3 (Table 1) and Section VII.D.2 (Table 3). Added the following language prior to the table: “Beginning with the Fall 2010 scheduling season, fields that are at least 300’ x 160’ will count as 1 field; fields that are at least 210’ x 120’ (but smaller than 300’ x 160’) will count as .75 field; smaller fields will count as .5 field.” This helps take the vast differences in field size into account when allocating fields.

Section IX. Added new requirements for tournament applications. See Section IX.I through IX.L on the document. Deleted old section on scheduling of tournaments (now incorporated in section VII.A.4).

Section XII.I. Added “Failure to meet the residency requirements as identified in Section V.A” as a possible cause for denial or termination of a facility use permit.

### *Gym Allocation Policy*

Section III.A. This section now includes definitions of “community use hours.” Please see document for wording.

Section III.D. A new item to clarify the scheduling of fee-based activities: “Fee based camps, clinics, and tryouts; fundraisers; and other revenue-based activities are not scheduled by CRS, but must be scheduled by FCPS, FCPA, or NVRPA and may be subject to use agreements and fees imposed by those agencies. Such programs, including paid coaches and third-party trainers, are acceptable use of CRS-allocated space if the services are available only to registered members of the organization and not for an additional fee (e.g., camp registration).”

Section IV.M. The for-profit definition is changed to be consistent with that of not-for-profit. It now reads: “A sports organization that makes a profit for individual personal gain by charging fees for admissions for games; assessing unusual or non-customary fees on the player, club, or team; or using semi-pro or pro players.” The old definition did not include the unusual or non-customary fees clause and did include a clause relating to fees for concessions or advertising.

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Section V.B.2. This section, the requirement for a code of conduct, now includes wording that mandates that groups must inform participants of the code of conduct and provide them with access to the code of conduct.

Section V.B.3. This section includes new wording to more clearly define “progressive discipline policy.” Please see document for wording.

Section V.C. Adds the following language: “Applicants must obtain the express written permission of FCPS in order to sell or make an offer to sell goods or services or conduct business activities. Business activities such as camps or clinics are required to be scheduled through FCPS.” This ensures consistency with the Field Allocation Policy.

Section V.D. Adds the following language: “Groups may not apply for space if they are allocated space from any other organization receiving space from CRS.”

Section VI.B. Changes the spring application deadline to December 1, the fall deadline to June 1, and the winter field sports deadline to September 1.

Section VIII.C. (Table 4) Changed the age groups and allocation formulas for volleyball as attached. Age group changes are also reflected in Section VIII.B (Table 3).

Section VIII.F. Added “All use must be completed within 16 weeks of beginning.” (This is to ensure consistency with the application fee policy and current practice.)

Section VIII.E.6. Deleted wording that requires organizations to adhere to the allocation formula as they schedule use. Added wording that: “Organizations may not redistribute space to other sports or organizations.”

Section VIII.G. Added the following language regarding unused space: “Organizations are required to return to CRS any allocated gyms and/or gym use hours that the organization does not use.” This ensures consistency with the Field Allocation Policy.

Section XI.A.9. Added “Failure to meet the residency requirements as identified in Section V.A” as a possible cause for denial or termination of a facility use permit.

Substantive Changes to the Allocation Policies

Allocation Formula Changes

**baseball/softball - old**

age group	practice/wk	tms/fld	games/wk	tms/fld
6 & under	1	2	1	2
7-8	1.5	1	2	2
9-10	1.5	1	2.5 x 2	2
11-15	2	1	2.5 x 2	2
16-18	2	1	2.5 x 3	2

**baseball/softball - new**

age group	practice/wk	tms/fld	games/wk	tms/fld
6 & under	1	2	1	2
7-8	1.5	1	2	2
9-12	1.5	1	2.5 x 2	2
13-14	2	1	2.5 x 2	2
15-18	2	1	2.5 x 3	2

**lacrosse - old**

age group	practice/wk	tms/fld	games/wk	tms/fld
6 & under	1	2	1	2
7-8	2	2	1	2
9-10	2	2	1	2
11-18	3	2	2	2

**lacrosse - new**

age group	practice/wk	tms/fld	games/wk	tms/fld
6 & under	1	4	1	4
7-8	2	2	1	2
9-12	3	2	1.25	2
13-18	4	2	1.5	2

**volleyball - old**

Age group	practice/wk	tms/gym	games/wk	tms/gym
8-9	1.25	1	1.25	2
10-11	1.5	1	1.25	2
12-18	1.5	1	1.25	2

**volleyball - new**

	practice/wk	tms/gym	games/wk	tms/gym
8 & under	1.25	1	1.25	2
9-12	1.5	1	1.25	2
13-18	1.5	1	1.5	2

Substantive Changes to the Allocation Policies

**soccer - old**

Age group	allocation factor	practice/wk	tms/fld	games/wk	tms/fld
6U	6	1	6	1	6
7-8	10	1.5	4	1.5	4
9-10	11	1.5	2	1.5	2
11-18	15	3	2	2	2

**soccer - new**

Age group	Allocation factor	practice/wk	tms/fld	games/wk	tms/fld
6U	5	1	6	1	6
7-8	6	1.5	4	1.5	4
9-10	10	1.5	2	1.5	2
11-12	12	3	2	1.5	2
13-16	15	3	2	2	2
17-18	18	3	2	2	2