

I. Requirements for Synthetic Turf Field Partnership Agreements

The Department of Community and Recreation Services (CRS) will be a signatory to Memoranda of Understanding (MOUs; also sometimes called Memoranda of Agreement) regarding the scheduling and use of synthetic turf fields in CRS's scheduling inventory that are developed at least in part by funding provided by one or more community athletic organizations. CRS will sign such MOUs only when each of the following conditions is met:

- A. Use of the field during community use hours for Fairfax County Public Schools (FCPS) events and activities may not be extended beyond those times regularly used by FCPS on the field prior to conversion to synthetic turf.
- B. In order to qualify as a contributing user and a partner in an MOU, a sports group must qualify to receive field allocations from CRS as a Certified Athletic Organization.
- C. Contributing users will abide by the Field Allocation Policy and all allocated use of the synthetic turf field will count towards the user's overall allocation each season. The primary season designations of the Field Allocation Policy, however, may be superseded by the scheduling provisions of the MOU.
- D. Contributing users will be responsible for all applicable CRS fees, including, but not limited to, application and non-county fees.
- E. For at least 30 days prior to the signing of an MOU, and any amendment thereto, and preferably beginning at the notice of intent from a potential contributing user, CRS shall make public the intended partnership in order to gain feedback from the public. The notice shall identify the contributing user(s), the site(s), and any MOU provisions that are not part of the standard provisions prescribed herein, and any provisions that purport to supersede elements of the Field Allocation Policy. Among the issues CRS shall seek input on are the following:
 1. Site location
 2. Impact of field conversion
 3. Potential funding partnerships
 4. Viability of proposed partnerships
- F. Facility Scheduling
 1. 20% of the weekly youth community use hours will be reserved for CRS to allocate to other community use organizations in accordance with the Field Allocation Policy and the Synthetic Turf Field Allocation Guidelines in order to provide fair and equitable allocations of synthetic turf field space to as many community users as possible. If public funding is utilized to partially fund the development of the field, and the public funding of the field exceeds 20% of the cost, the time reserved for CRS will be equal to the percentage of public funding (excluding logos and other

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non-essential costs). For the purposes of turf field scheduling within a proposed MOU, youth community use hours are from 5:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m. Monday through Friday, and from 8:00 a.m. to 8:00 p.m. on Saturday and Sunday.

2. The contributing organization(s) will receive first right of scheduling of the remaining community use hours. The contributing organization may propose a schedule for their use of the remaining time on the field. Such a proposal will be subject to CRS approval.
 3. FCPS use of the field during youth community use time will be applied to the community use reservation time.
 4. The reservation time requirement is applicable to all scheduling seasons, year-round.
- G. MOUs can only be modified by the unanimous consent of all MOU signatories.
- H. Historical allocations of fields will be preserved to the extent possible. If a group that has historically had at least 50% of the use of a field is not included in a proposed MOU, that group must be notified immediately and the contributing users must identify a replacement field acceptable to CRS.
- I. Design standards will be in accordance with Fairfax County Park Authority and FCPS guidelines. Exceptions should be considered in cases of unusual or non-standard field sizes or configurations.
- J. Any MOU will be limited in duration to 10 years or the useful life of the field (as determined by independent review), whichever is less.
- K. MOUs may be terminated by any party for material breach of another party's obligations under the MOU.