

3.7. Sports Field Fees and Charges 2023/24

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PURPOSE:

The purpose of this report is to provide the Sport and Recreation Reference Group members with information on changes and additions to the Sports field fees and charges structure commencing on July 1st, 2023.

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY:

- All existing and proposed sports field fees and charges have been assessed under Council's Revenue Policy.
- 3 new Sports field fees and charges are proposed.
- 1 change to an existing Sports field fee is proposed.

RECOMMENDATION:

1. THAT the Sport and Recreation Reference Group receive the report on amended sports fields fees and charges.

Background

Fees and charges are determined by Council each year. They contribute towards providing services and facilities and maintenance of the same.

All existing and proposed fees and charges have been assessed according to the nature of the services being provided. Factors that have been considered in the consideration of the proposed fees and charges include partial cost recovery, market pricing competitiveness (pricing of similar service providers), legislative constraints (non-discretionary fees) and - subsidies (capacity to pay).

New Fees

Variations proposed to the Schedule from the previous financial year's Schedule are summarised in the table below:

Category	Fee or Change	Summary/Change rationale
<i>Sporting Fields</i>	<i>Hourly rate additional grounds staff weekends for seniors, juniors/schools and social/casual.</i>	<i>To partially recover labour costs associated with weekend hire of sports fields.</i>
<i>Sporting Fields</i>	<i>Hourly hire fee touch football seniors, juniors/schools and social/casual.</i>	<i>To introduce a specific rate for touch football which is justified due to the impact on playing surfaces.</i>
<i>Sporting Fields</i>	<i>Hourly hire fee turf cricket wickets seniors, juniors/schools and social/casual.</i>	<i>To introduce the NSROC standard flat hourly rate for wicket hire in place of daily weekday/weekend rates.</i>

Actual fee changes from the previous financial year's Schedule are summarised in the table below:

Category	Fee or Change	Existing Fee	Proposed Fee
Turf Wickets – Tunks Park	Daily rate to hourly rate	\$425.00/day	\$58.00/hour
Turf Wickets – Bon Andrews	Daily rate to hourly rate	\$419.00/day	\$65.00/hour
Additional grounds staff weekends	New	\$0.00/hour	\$65.00/hour
Touch Football Fields	New	\$0.00/hour	\$45.00/hour

Discontinued Fees

The following table lists the fees proposed to be discontinued, including the rationale.

Category	Fee or Change	Summary/Change rationale
Sporting Fields	Daily weekday/weekend turf cricket wicket seniors, juniors/schools and social/casual.	Replaced by the NSROC standard flat hourly rate for wicket hire in place of daily weekday/weekend rates.

Consultation requirements

Community engagement will be undertaken in accordance with Council's Community Engagement Protocol.

Financial/Resource Implications

User charges and fees are an important source of income to partially offset maintenance and capital work costs borne by Council.

Legislation

In accordance with sections 405 and 608(1) of the Local Government Act 1993, a schedule of fees and charges must be prepared annually as a provision within Council's annual Statement of Revenue Policy.