

TURF CRICKET POLICY

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1 INTRODUCTION

- 1.1 A review of the current *Turf Wicket Cricket Policy* was undertaken to ensure the policy set outs clear guidelines for the establishment and maintenance of Turf cricket wicket facilities within Hume City Council boundaries.
- 1.2 Council's role in the provision of sports facilities like other Council services must be balanced against the many needs of the community.

2 POLICY STATEMENT

To provide a set of guidelines for the establishment, maintenance and preparation of turf cricket pitches.

3 POLICY IMPLEMENTATION

- 3.1 Any club wishing to make an application to establish a turf cricket wicket will need to prepare a submission that addresses all the issues included in this policy. The submission letter must include a letter of support for the project from Cricket Victoria.
- 3.2 The submission will then be considered by Council against the prescribed criteria.
- 3.3 Criteria:
 - 3.3.1 Effect on Junior Cricket
 - a) Ability to relocate junior teams in immediate area.
 - b) Documented feedback from junior club parents (survey to be conducted by Club).
 - c) Effect on school usage in the area.
 - 3.3.2 Turf Cricket sites in Area
 - a) The number of turf cricket clubs and sites in the immediate area.
 - b) The grade and level of competition to be played.
 - 3.3.3 Financial
 - a) Clubs will be required to meet 100% of costs of the installation of turf wicket tables and provision of associated maintenance equipment and storage with the exception of tables at newly developed reserves that have been identified by Council for turf wicket cricket.
 - b) Ability of the club to meet the costs of managing a turf cricket wicket table including meeting the cost of table installation, purchase of maintenance equipment and equipment storage and ongoing pitch preparation and maintenance costs.
 - c) Review of financial plan by Council officers.
 - d) The maintenance of turf wickets will be the responsibility of individual cricket clubs with the exception of turf wickets at facilities that host Victorian Premier Cricket. Premier cricket wickets will be maintained by Council appointed curators to ensure adherence to relevant standards.

3.3.4 Impact on use of Sports Oval

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- a) Consideration of other activities on the oval and any effect on these users.
- b) Consultation with other users of the oval/reserve.

3.3.5 Turf Practice Wickets

- a) Only permitted at reserves hosting Victorian Premier Cricket competition.
- b) Premier turf practice wickets will be maintained by Council appointed curators to ensure adherence to relevant standards.
- c) All practice wickets to be located off the main ground (run-ups not to impede on playing surface)

3.3.6 Development

- a) Consideration of any increase in participation in cricket by females.
- b) Identification of any activities that promote and develop the opportunities for participation in cricket.

4 OTHER

- 4.1 Cricket clubs will be responsible for the cost of the supply of maintenance equipment and the ongoing costs associated with the running of the equipment.
- 4.2 Council will be responsible for the preseason turf preparation up until seven days before 1 October each year unless otherwise agreed between Council and Clubs.

5 DEFINITIONS AND ABBREVIATIONS

- 5.1 Victorian Premier Cricket – The highest level of state cricket competition in Victoria.
- 5.2 Premier Cricket Facilities – Reserves and sports grounds endorsed by Cricket Victoria for Victorian Premier Cricket competition.

6 RELATED DOCUMENTS

Nil

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