

# ALLOCATION POLICY FOR FIELD, DIAMOND AND ARENAS

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#### **Past Allocation Practices**

- Purely based on historical usage without objective measure
- Additional time picked up through discussions with allocation staff if it is available
- Limited monitoring of usage (particularly at non-staffed parks), leading to blanket booking
- Field and diamond use audits from 2013 through 2016, and 2018
- Clubs are generally allocated time at facilities within their geographic area



#### **Current Situation**

- Over 70 Affiliated Minor Sport Organizations
  - Baseball, basketball, figure skating, football, hockey, lacrosse, para-hockey, ringette, rugby, soccer, softball, speed skating
- Approximately 160 non-affiliated Sport Organizations
- Approximately 460 bookable fields and diamonds
- 23 City-owned and operated ice pads



#### **Current Situation**

- Total of approximately 275,000 prime time field and diamond hours available each season (May – Aug) and 30,000 hours of prime time ice per season (Oct – March)
- Most organizations want to book Monday through Thursday from 5-10pm
- Blanket booking due to low costs and fear of losing time and not being able to get it back



### Why do we need an Allocation Policy?

- Sport demands
- Field and diamond classifications
- Renewal and maintenance
- Misuse of facilities
- Fluctuating registration
- New policies and standards
- Conditions of diamonds and fields
- Similar City and user group concerns
- Existing ice policy is outdated





### **Allocation Policy**

- Guide decisions made when allocating sport fields, diamonds, and arenas
- Provide procedures that will be transparent and uniformly applied
- Align with the City's strategic priorities
- Assist in monitoring need and space demands
- Support the maintenance schedules of fields, diamonds, and arenas
- Provide opportunities for stakeholder input and collaboration



#### Allocation Formula

- Formula takes into account recommendations from working group
- Formula will be used to guide staff in the allocation process and provides a level of transparency
- Sport Services staff will still be working with stakeholders to finalize allotment
- Sport Services staff have the flexibility to support minor changes to allocation on a case by case nature



#### Formula Example – House League

#### HOUSE LEAGUE SOCCER **AVERAGE OF ALL SOCCER ORGANIZATIONS - HOUSE LEAGUE** TOTAL Calculated # of Calculated TOTAL allocated TOTAL # of hours # of Length # of Calculated # of hours **Entitled** hours per # of Base # of teams Length # of HOURS LTAD Calculated Practices of for games AGE players team per weeks in ALLOCATED plavers length of for games hours per of game STAGE # of Team per team practice practices per team registered | per team practice practice (hours) per team team pe week (for season FOR THE (hours) per week per team per week field per week week this LTAD SEASON per week stage) 0-6258 28.67 0.75 0.75 22 17 Micro 366 7-8 117 11.70 1.25 2.00 23 17 5v5 0.75 398 9-10 7v7 85 7.08 0.75 1.25 2.00 14 17 241 11-12 75 5.00 2.25 17 9v9 0.75 11 191 13-18 21 17 131 7.71 0.75 2.75 360 11v11 Total Number of Calculated Total Allocated Hours For Organization for 60.16 3093 Teams the season Reported Number of Teams Total Allocated Hours for Organization PER 182 WEEK



### Perceived Challenges

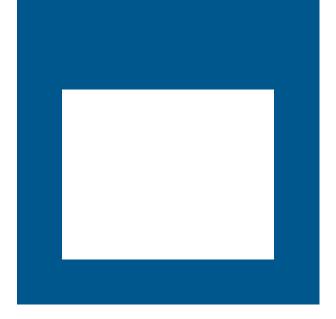
- Communication to individual coaches that have benefitted from over allocation
- Organizations that have counted athletes at multiples levels
- Larger organizations that have historically enjoyed access to multiple assets
- Geographical preference of facilities
- Unplanned special events that require adhoc allocation



### **Overall Policy Considerations**

- City as final decision maker
- Historical usage does not guarantee future bookings, but will be considered
- Each athlete will be counted at one entry point
- Appropriately sized facilities where possible
- Consideration will be given to geographic location where possible





## THANK YOU