

POLICIES AND PROCEDURES

PITCH ALLOCATION GUIDELINE



Purpose

This document outlines the guidelines the Club will follow to ensure training and game day pitches are allocated to teams equitably based on the Club's goals, and in particular to ensure that there is no gender bias in allocation.

Guideline

1. The Club's goals include having successful [Performance Teams](#) supported by a strong, happy and competitive community team base, therefore the priority order for allocation of pitches will be as follows:
 - i) [Performance Teams](#)
 - ii) Community teams.
2. Game day and training pitch allocation processes will ensure, as far as practical, there is no gender or other bias (noting 1. above) when allocating pitches.
3. For the Premier Men and Women's teams, the following also applies:
 - i) Premier Women's and Men's Teams normally play all their home matches on different days/times, which enables all home games for both teams to be played on either pitch 1 or 3 (as determined by the Head of Men's or Head of Women's Football).
 - ii) The team playing at home has use of the main home changing room and access to the game day pitch 60 minutes prior to kick off time.
 - iii) The team playing at home on a Friday night has the option to train on the same pitch they will be playing on for Thursday night training. For the remainder of training for that week, each team will have equal access to pitches 1, 2 and 3 with allocation determined through discussion between the Head of Men's and Head of Women's Football.
4. Northern Regional Football are responsible for the scheduling and allocation of pitches for each game day. Any changes to the NRF pitch allocation will be at the discretion of the Head of Men's, Women's and Youth Football and the WSAFC Club Manager ensuring adherence, as far as practical, to the guidelines outlined in 1, 2 and 3 above.
5. For Community Teams, the Club will make best efforts to ensure that each team has at least one home game each season played on either Seddon Fields turf pitches 1 or 2, or on FIFA pitch 3 (please note, teams who do not play / choose not to play on a Saturday may have more games at Seddon Fields / play more of their games on turf pitches 1 or 2, or on FIFA pitch 3).

Community Teams - Training Pitch Allocation Process

6. Just prior to the beginning of the Community season (usually in March), the Managers of each team will be asked to complete an electronic form to request a training day and time.
7. Allocation of training days and times will, generally, be on a first come first served basis based on completion of the form with some consideration of other factors e.g. a volunteer coach who coaches 2 teams such as U7 and U10 and wants the same space for consecutive sessions on the same day.
8. The final training pitch allocation for a season for all performance and community teams (senior and junior/youth) will be published on the WSAFC website.

Definitions

Performance Teams include:

- Senior teams – Premier Men, Premier Women, U23 Men’s Team and the Development Women’s Team (and any senior Pre-Development team formed as numbers grow), and
- All age group teams who are classified as an Academy, Pre-Academy, Development or Pre-Development Team (as per the [Academy Pathway](#)).

Home game venues include Seddon Fields, Cox’s Bay Reserve, Walker Park and Eastdale Reserve.

Home training venues include Seddon Fields, Cox’s Bay football field 4 and Walker Park football fields 1 & 5.