



Fields & Diamonds Allocation Policies



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Background

- Facility Allocations Office created in May 2008
- Efforts made to establish solid relationships with User Groups providing an exemplary level of service
- Began meeting with User Groups around Allocation Policy Development in Fall 2009
- Over 15 meetings were held with user groups to get feedback and actively involve user groups in the process



Guiding Principles

- Town facilities are built by, and funded for Markham residents.
- All members of the community should have opportunity to access Town facilities regardless of physical, financial, social or environmental barriers.
- Town facilities serve as a fabric of the community creating opportunities for individuals to connect to one another and the community.
- Town facilities provide an excellent environment to promote, encourage and facilitate lifelong active living.



Policy Principles

- Allocations will be handled in an open and transparent environment.
- An Allocation Policy will ensure the distribution of town facilities in a fair and equitable manner, respecting issues of accessibility.
- Allocations will be reviewed on an annual basis.
- Groups meeting Markham residency requirements will receive priority.
- Where facility demand exceeds supply, the Town may have to limit the emergence of new User Groups.
- Children/Youth should receive preference of hours when allocating time.



Involvement of User Groups

- 127 user groups were invited to participate and all user groups participated at some point in the process
- User groups have expressed support for the draft policy
- Emerging from the feedback of the user groups sense of stewardship emerged with interest in development of:
 - Wet Field Policy
 - Maintenance Standards Document
 - Premium Fields Strategy
 - Rest Periods for Fields



Review of Policies

- Markham residency is most important factor
- Allocates time proportionate to total participation
- Factors level of participant in total time allotment
- Formula is consistent with proven principles utilized in ice allocation policy and indoor soccer allocation policy



Questions