

Community Meeting II  
Athletic Field Use Policy

Meeting minutes of April 25, 2019

The meeting was called to order at 6:30 p.m.

Parks and Recreation Commissioners present: Almasy, McCreary, Wentworth and Woods

Library and Recreation Services staff: Abigail Schellberg, Jason Lass, David Montgomery-Scott, Alyssa Belmontes, and Cristy Gavett

Youth Sports Organization representatives: Jeff Jensen-AYSO, Mark Morton and Al Vigil-Corona American Little League, Pennie Salyer, Trisha Reyes and Bridget Sherman-Corona Girls Softball, Joseph Cruz -Corona National Little League, Cindy Edge and James Tamplin-Corona Chargers, Kevin Del Toro-Corona Pony, Jenev Boyd-Corona Rebels, Darryl Johnson and Keefe -O.G. Ducks, Bryan Benso-Corona Youth Lacrosse, Chris Scott-Crossroads Christian Elementary and Jr. High School, Ed Santillano Milan Soccer, Marjorie Torre-Corona Local Boys, Jeremy Healey-Arsenal, Kevin Stofila-Corona Angles, and Tracy Espinosa and Lynsey Jalayer-Corona United Soccer Club, and Nancy Vasquez

Mr. Lass reviewed the discussion points from the last meeting and reviewed sections 1- 12 of the drafted policy. Below is a list of questions and comments from each section:

**Section 2- Definitions:**

- Set and defined dates for the allocation periods for fall/winter and spring/summer
- Recreation staff will need master calendars for groups to ensure that the requests can be made or adjusted

**Section 3-Allocation Requests:**

- Need more information whether Live Scan is required
- A standard is needed for youth groups, so everyone is on the same page with either a background check or lives an
- To keep in compliance with the allocation requests, Recreation staff will need residency checks with rosters.

**Section 4- Allocation Priority and Residency:**

- The names of the tier “priority “is misleading and confusing
- Instead of priority use category
- Challenges for travel groups with frequent roster changes
- All-star and select teams may play under current allocation if limited

- Proof of residency verification needs to be done by the organization and the Recreation staff will need them prior to field allocation approval
- Recreation Staff needs to set a firm deadline for when items are due for field allocations
- Crossroads is concerned with their priority level and their possible lack of ability to get fields that will coincide with their needs
- Recreation Staff is trying to ensure that all groups get equitable and fair play for new and returning groups.

#### **Section 6- Athletic Facility Use Rules:**

- Facilities that can be used in a dual manner will be used equitably

#### **Section 7- Maintenance and upkeep:**

- Restrooms at parks fall under DWP, if any group have an issue please inform Recreation
- Citrus Park has an area that has overgrown grass in the infield of a baseball/softball field

#### **Section 8- Disciplinary Actions for Policy Violations:**

- Any actions that violate policy can be reported by anyone (parents, organizations, players, etc.)

#### **Section 9-Tournaments:**

- Any tournament must have at least 10 teams or at least 100 participants
- Depending on the Tournament Size, it could be subject to City permits such as a Special Event Permit, and the event must stay in line with City policies and guidelines
- If a tournament falls under the 10-team rule, communicate with the Recreation Staff and we will assess the situation.

#### **Section 11-Inventory Fees:**

- Update the fields with an accurate list of usable fields.
- City Park should be taken off the allocation list due to safety concerns
- Many fields that are underutilized
- Remove softballs fields that are not usable
- There is no true parks department, the responsibility of allocation and rental of fields falls under the Library and Recreation Department, while the Maintenance and upkeep falls under Department of Water and Power in the Maintenance Services division
- Developer Impact Fees- Must be used for NEW amenities not upkeep or maintenance on existing structures
- The City has a new preventative maintenance program that will be implemented

**Stakeholder Input:**

- Rosters will be accepted in multiple formats, leagues maintain their own
- Fields specific to football are limited
- Sports should be reflective of what the community wants/needs
- Issues with safety and homelessness are impacting park use

**Public Comments:**

- Leagues can reach out to public schools for field use
- Collective and joint efforts should be implemented to maintain fair and equitable use amongst all groups
- Communicate amongst each other for updates and potential field swaps.
- Recreation staff will work on a definitive timeline for the allocation process, including the turnaround time for residency checks
- Good faith and historical use of fields are implemented when waiting for roster checks
- Cancelled use does go back to the user a credit
- Cost Sharing may be implemented for some fields
- If fields are closed check with your organizational reps to ensure that the lights are scheduled to be off