

COSTA MESA FIELD USE AND ALLOCATION POLICY GROUP CLASSIFICATIONS (EXCERPT) (Revised 11/08/08)

Priority Use Classifications and Qualifications

Priority scheduling of use of fields/facilities will be as follows:

Group 1 organizations must meet all of the following:

- Organizations, or portions of organizations, that assign registrants to teams in an effort to make the teams in each division of equal playing experience and talent (not assigned to teams of differing talent levels)
- Have an “everyone plays” philosophy requiring that each player suited up and able to play is entered into games for a significant period of time (i.e., ½ of game or 2 of every 5 innings or 2 of 4 quarters, etc)
- Is recreational in nature (versus teams that are more competitive or have selected players) – this excludes AP, all-stars and tournaments
- Non-profit or Not-for-profit (same requirements as current)
- No child turned away that wants to play
- 75% residency, based on prior like season’s rosters (fall season for fall season, spring season for spring season) for priority use of City fields; 50% residency for priority use of NMUSD fields OR have special status assigned by City Council action as a result of having had historical use of fields

Group 1 organizations shall have highest priority, equal to City sponsored leagues, for use of City and School District fields

NOTE: Organizations that have both recreational and competitive teams will be assigned status based upon the nature of the play. Recreational and Advanced Placement teams will have Group 1 user status and competitive (select/travel) teams in that organization will have Group 3 status.

Group 2: Newport Mesa Unified School District related programs. NMUSD has priority at MUSD sites prior to 4:00 p.m. on weekdays when school is in session.

Group 3: *Organizations that may otherwise meet all Group 1 requirements EXCEPT:*

- *Have fewer than 75% but greater than 50% Costa Mesa residents for use of City and NMUSD fields;*
- OR*
- *Have at least 50% or greater Costa Mesa residents in which tryouts are held in order to place registrants according to their ability on competitive teams (select, travel, etc); applicants may be turned away; not every player suited up and able to play in a game must be played;*

All games must have at least one team from the Group 3 organization on the field or fee assessed for that field will be at the Group 5 rate

Group 3 organizations shall have third highest priority for use of City and School District fields

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Group 4: Adult programs, organizations or events with at least 75% Costa Mesa residents.
Group 4 organizations shall have fourth highest priority for use of City and School District fields, except on Sundays when they shall have second highest priority after City adult programs.

Group 5: Youth programs, organizations or events with less than 50% Costa Mesa residents.
Group 5 organizations shall have fifth highest priority for use of City and School District fields.

Group 6: Adult programs, organizations or events with less than 75% Costa Mesa residents.
Group 6 organizations shall have lowest priority for use of City and School District fields except on Sundays when they shall have third highest priority after City adult programs and Group 4 adult programs.

- Priority use of fields will be given to traditional primary season sports and by priority grouping.

Fee Waiver Request Procedure (Group 1 and 2 user organizations only)

Only organizations that meet the requirements for Group 1 status may apply for waiver of field and/or light use fees. Requests for fee waiver for use of athletic fields must be submitted in writing to the Recreation Division Manager. Requests will be presented to the Parks and Recreation Commission for a recommendation to City Council. The fee waiver process takes a minimum of 6 to 8 weeks. Group 1 user organizations receiving fee waivers shall be considered to be co-sponsored by the City of Costa Mesa.

Group 2 user organizations (NMUSD affiliated groups) must provide notice of affiliation from District Deputy Superintendent before fee waiver shall be granted under the provisions of the City – School Joint Use Agreement.

User groups with fee waivers may be billed for fields that they have reserved and have not used.