

FUAP Chart of Changes/Comments And Amendments by Commission (6/25/15)

Section	Page #	What's New/Changed	Explanation
I. Introduction	2	Appeals process has its own section XII	Groups are assured of a path to resolve differences of opinion.
Section I User Group Comments: None			
Section I Commissioner Amendments: None			
II. Statement of Philosophy	2	Brand New	This is simply to state early in the policy that the City is committed and passionate about serving the needs of youth sports.
Section II User Group Comments: None			
Section II Commissioner Amendments: None			
III. Definition of Terms	2	Resident: "Special Residency," current leagues grandfathered and allows for future determinations	AYSO 97, Newport Harbor Baseball Association are current grandfathered leagues.
	N/A	"Commercial" Deleted	"Commercial" and "Private" are synonymous.
Section III User Group Comments:			
AYSO 97, Newport/Mesa Girls Softball, Newport Harbor Baseball Association wanted a separate document that would state that their league is exempted from the group 1 residency requirement.			
Matt Leinart Flag Football League wants a separate document that states council authorized their group as a special status group 3.			
Section III Commissioner Amendments:			
On Page 6, Paragraph 1: DELETE "may be grated at the discretion of the City Council/CEO" and ADD "will be reviewed by the Assistant Chief Executive Officer and a recommendation will be forwarded to the Parks and Recreation Commission for approval or denial."			
IV. Priority Group Classification	3	Group 1: Added #4, national/state sport governing body requirement	This is important because sports governing bodies assure the City that an organization is appropriately managed and disciplined so that children are properly protected, without the City involvement.

	4	Changing May to Must (This is a suggestion by staff since the Commission Meeting.)	The word May creates ambiguity in the document. It leaves this portion of the document open for interpretation. Please note that if the verbiage is changed and states "Must" rather than "May", Matt Leinart Football will fall into the Group 5 unless they are able to provide non-profit proof AND meet the 50% Residency Requirement.
	4	Jack Hammett Friday Night residency requirement	To protect Jack Hammett Field.

Section IV: User Group Comments:

All youth groups are governed by national organizations. California Youth Soccer League is the only group that might not be associated with a national organization.

Costa Mesa Pony and AYSO 97 wanted clarification on the difference between a Non Profit and a Commercial business and group classification.

Newport Mesa Friday Night Lights expressed concerns Jack Hammett Friday night residency requirement. Staff explained that Jack Hammett Sports Complex has been designated to host 22 participants per field for a total of 132 participants for all 6 fields at one given time. Staff reiterated that there are safety issues that exist as well as parking issues at Jack Hammett Sports Complex.

Newport Mesa Friday Night Lights requested that Group 1 status be split into sub groups Group 1 and Group 1A where Group 1A organizations are non-profit but can compensate staff.

Newport Mesa Girls Softball would like clarification on Private vs. Non-Profit classification.

Matt Leinart Flag Football had no issue with the new residency requirements for Jack Hammett.

Section IV Commissioner Amendments: None

V.	Process for Obtaining/ Maintaining Permits	4	Field Request documents to be turned in earlier than existing FUAP	Allows organizations to more accurately recruit/register participants based on fields permitted.
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	5	Seven documents must be submitted to obtain permit	Simplifies the process by adding a checklist of seven documents.
	5	Added "League Splits and New Leagues"	This is not uncommon among youth sport leagues so a path for splits and new leagues is provided.
	7	Three strikes condensed; added examples	Took existing policy and made it more straightforward.

Section V User Group Comments:

Most groups were open to the idea of allocating fields one season in advance. Groups did not have a problem with the allocation because now they would know ahead of time which fields would be permitted.

- Exception: Costa Mesa Pony believes it will be hard to project registration numbers if the allocations are done with one season in advance.

Newport Harbor Baseball Association has invested funds into Davis Field at Lions Park and would like to continue playing on that field and avoid other outside groups of using the field for one time use.

Newport Mesa Friday Night Lights likes the examples of strikes and believes it is very clear.

Groups were appreciative of having a section that clearly identified the process for a new league to be formed.

Back Bay Rugby believed that the examples that were given for strikes were perfect.

Section V Commissioner Amendments:

On Page 5, Paragraph 2 of League Splits and New Leagues: DELETE "or the need to rest fields" and ADD "or in order to maintain adequate rest and renovation periods."

On Page 6, Paragraph 4: ADD "The Assistant Chief Executive Officer may at anytime declare a moratorium on league splits or new leagues based on field availability or field conditions.

On Page 7, Under First Offense: DELETE "and" and REPLACE with "or".

VI.	Field Allocation Process	7	Added language about seasons and Exhibit A (graph)	Additional language and a graph have been added to make primary versus secondary sports season clear and to make rest and renovation periods clear.
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Section VI User Group Comments:

Groups liked the visualization the rest and renovation chart.

Newport Mesa Soccer Club and California Youth Soccer League have challenges in the summer season finding field space. Would like to explore options for summer use.

Section VI Commissioner Amendments:

On Page 8, Under Bullet Point 5: ADD "In addition to the fields being reassigned, lack of use of the field may also result in the revocation of the permit for allocated fields. The team or organization will be billed and the fields will be reassigned."

VII.	Field Allocation Formula	8	No changes	No Changes
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User Group Comments: None

Section VII Commissioner Amendments: None

VIII.	Fees	9	Added Group Numbers	Group numbers were added to fee groups so that groups could more easily determine their fees.
		9	NOTE added regarding field-splitting	To protect fields from overuse and collect fees accurately based on actual number of fields used.
		N/A	Deleted "Deposits"	Because we are not requiring a 50% payment upon approval of permits, the Deposits section is no longer necessary.

Section VIII User Group Comments:

Newport Mesa Friday Night Lights is concerned about only being able to split the fields two times and would like to consider other options.

Matt Leinart Flag Football would like staff to reconsider splitting of fields to 3 fields instead of 2 because that will affect the group's numbers.

Newport Mesa Soccer Club requested that staff explore the idea of making the non-resident non-profit fee more than a \$10 difference from the resident non-profit fee.

All groups that pay a fee are comfortable with 50% of the fees up front.

Section VIII Commissioner Amendments:

On Page 9, Last Note on bottom of page: DELETE “Any permitted field that is converted into multiple fields will be charged for each converted field. For example if one utility field is converted into two individual fields, the user group will be charged for two fields.”

On Pages 9 and 10 Under Last Note on bottom of page 9: Give final decision power to the Assistant Chief Executive Officer.

IX. Financial Recovery Policy	10	Brand New	This section was added to make it clear that the City is committed to providing fields to Costa Mesa/Newport Beach residents at taxpayer expense unless additional costs are incurred due to an organization’s direct impact.
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Section IX User Group Comments: None

Section IX Commissioner Amendments: None

X. Tournaments	11	No changes	No changes
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Section X User Group Comments:

Newport Mesa Soccer Club requested that staff consider limiting the number of tournaments held at Jack Hammett Sports Complex to protect the integrity of the fields.

AYSO Region 97 would like to explore the idea of hosting a tournament but will need more fields.

Section X Commissioner Amendments: None

XI. Maintenance Issues	12	Added “Turf Preservation” section	Enlists the cooperation of sports groups using fields by giving turf preservation guidelines.
	12	Added “Line colors must be approved by City”	Provides that City will determine line colors for different sports.
	13	Includes “Inclement Weather Guidelines” approved by Maintenance	Language has been added to give more playability options during periods of inclement weather.

Section XI User Group Comments:

Multiple groups agreed that 2:30pm during the week for an updated status on the mudline is too late. It should be sooner so parents could be informed.

Costa Mesa National Little League appreciated the new guidelines for inclement weather.

AYSO Region 97 inquired about the possibility of providing resources for the treatment of school district fields during the offseason.

Section XI Commissioner Amendments: None

XII. Appeals Process	15	This is not new, just given its own sections (was part of Introduction in 7/1/14 FUAP)	
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User Group Comments:
This was appreciated by groups.

Section XII Commissioner Amendments: None

XIII. Other Information	15	Vendors/Concessionaries added; requires Food Handling Class two times per year	Adds language to clarify the use of concession stands by first-party operators (sports groups) and second-party operators (concessionaires or food trucks) and includes operations to protect the health and safety of participants.
	16	Banners: Refers to Policy and Permit	No changes to policy; simply removed from FUAP.
	16	Portable Lights: Refers to Policy	No changes to policy; simply removed from FUAP

Section XIII User Group Comments:
Groups suggested listing current Group 1 users, Group 3 users, etc. and staff suggested it as a separate document that can be provided to user groups.

Currently most of the user groups have invested money into their “home” fields and feel a sense of ownership to their allocated field.

Most groups expressed need for permanent lights.

Back Bay Rugby would like more signage on school fields that state “No Dogs”

Costa Mesa American Little League would like to explore the idea of having restrooms closer to their fields at Costa Mesa High School.

California Youth Soccer League has concerns with extracurricular activities occurring at Rea Elementary.

Costa Mesa Pony would like to entertain the idea of hosting tournaments in the future.

AYSO 97 would like to have Kaiser Elementary lit for multiple seasons and have the facility permanent lit in the future.

Newport Mesa Friday Night Lights has an issue with groups operating the Jack Hammett Sports Complex Snack Bar when field use permits for their organization are not issued. Believes the city should create a contract for snack bar use.

Newport Mesa Friday Night Lights is disappointed that food trucks will no longer be allowed.

Section XIII Commissioner Amendments: None