

ARLINGTON RESERVE OPERATIONAL MANAGEMENT PLAN

Privacy statement

Background

This Management Plan has been prepared to satisfy Council's requirement for a Plan to manage use of Arlington Reserve. It is specifically written to address use by all regular/ seasonal hirers and all casual hirers with more than 100 participants per hour (including spectators).

In December 2014, Council determined that Arlington Reserve is hired for a maximum of 41 hours per week. All use of the field is governed by Conditions of Hire. Where this Plan is in conflict with the Conditions of Hire, this Operational Management Plan will prevail.

1. Hours of Use and Allocation

1.1 Weekday Use (after school)

After school is defined as after 3.30pm in Council's Schedule of Fees and Charges. Match play is only permitted before 5.00pm though training can take place until 9.30pm (lights out). Hire during school holidays for clinics etc. is allowed consistent with hire of other sportsgrounds.

1.2 Weekend Use

Dulwich Hill FC and Stanmore Hawks FC currently have games all day on one day each weekend from 8.30am setting up and finish at 9pm with the lights having to be turned off by 9.30pm in accordance with Development Consent. Fixtures involving evening use to be limited to one over the course of any one weekend.

1.3 Public Holiday Use

Arlington will not be formally hired on the following public holidays:

- New Years Day
- Australia Day
- Good Friday
- Easter Sunday
- Easter Monday
- Anzac Day
- Labour Day
- Christmas Day
- Boxing Day

2. Compliance with Traffic & Car Parking Restrictions

Hirers will seek opportunities to reinforce to all visiting clubs and members the need to respect the restrictions, and ensure that driveways at all times remain clear of parked vehicles, including regular visitation by the relevant Community Liaison Contact and messages on their respective websites.

Council Rangers will be provided with details of times of utilisation of the Oval and will be encouraged to patrol the areas.

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3. Minimisation of car generation, Including car pooling and other forms of transport

Hirers will undertake to inform and encourage all visiting clubs and members to consider alternative transport options and to car pool wherever possible. This will be achieved via broadly distributed email and information on the respective websites of hirers. Council has prepared a Fact Sheet providing transport options to get to Arlington Reserve which can easily be distributed by the hirer.

Hirers will encourage all visiting clubs to detail parking restrictions around Arlington Oval on each visiting club website.

Hirers will further undertake the following:

- Periodically reinforce to its members via e-mail and on its website that walking, riding a bicycle or catching public transport are preferred transport methods when attending games.
- In the event that a car must be used that car-pooling is a club policy where practical.
- Contact the Away Team during the week before a game asking them to consider carpooling.
- Instruct member families to obey traffic signs and street signs.

4. Access of the Public to Arlington Reserve

The community will have full access to the playing fields when not in use for training, matchplay or maintenance. Arlington Reserve is a pedestrian link and hirers will undertake to actively manage this during matchplay and training to ensure through access as well as access to the public toilets.

5. Community Liaison Contact

During all periods of competitive play, the hirer must ensure that a Community Liaison Representative is present at the site at all times.

A mobile phone number for the Community Liaison Contact must at all times be available on the hirer's website and prominently displayed at the Oval.

The Community Liaison Contact will during periods of competitive play and training:

- Be available and visible in a fluoro vest to local residents and users to discuss concerns.
- Regularly visit the Oval and surrounding streets to encourage compliance with parking restrictions.
- Identify if cars have parked illegally and attempt to locate vehicle owners to move vehicles so parked if the driver is associated with the use of the Oval.
- Act as a conduit to Council Rangers as appropriate.
- Communicate and attempt to resolve matters with local residents on an amicable basis.
- Encourage users to consider local residents after games and when leaving the Oval.
- Provide a means to dispense information to visitors to the Oval.

6. Noise

Whilst it is acknowledged that many recreational activities do result in noise, hirers undertake to:

1. Manage the noise level at all times and in particular encourage users to promptly leave the site within thirty (30) minutes after the conclusion of training and competition.
2. Actively discourage the introduction of alcohol to the site and actively discourage alcohol consumption, particularly post game.

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3. Reinforce to visiting teams the need to be considerate of neighbours especially when leaving the facility at night.
4. Note the future potential of sanctions if users, visitor and players do not make reasonable attempts to manage noise for local residents.

Council will undertake to monitor and review the levels of noise arising from use of the field and consider management measures, if appropriate.

7. Player and Spectator Code of Conduct

Hirers will attach their respective Player Codes of Conduct to this Operational Management Plan.

These are to be available for viewing at the ground and on the organisation's website. The Community Liaison Contact will be able to inform potential complainants of how to make a formal complaint under the respective code.

It is noted that for the purposes of this Operational Management Plan, players, officers, visitors and spectators are required to behave in accordance with the relevant Code of Conduct in dealings with local residents and other users of the Reserve.

Similar levels of behaviour are requested of the local community and casual users of the Oval to formal sporting groups.

8. Litter/ Rubbish

Hirers must ensure that the site is left clean of all litter after completion of their hiring period/s. Spot checks of the site will be carried out by Council staff after hiring periods.

9. Review of this Plan

Following the first month of each winter season, DHFC and SHFC and local residents will consider jointly the Operational Management Plan and make recommendations to Council on any changes. The Group Manager Trees, Parks and Sportsfields, following consideration of submissions may determine to authorise or make changes to the Plan.

The Plan will continue to be reviewed on an annual basis.

10. Sanctions

If the conditions of the Plan are breached, the party taken to be responsible for the breach must submit a response in writing within 14 days of notification on how they will ensure that the breach will not continue or recur.

The Group Manager Trees, Parks and Sports Fields having given consideration may reduce or cancel a subsequent booking or period of allocation in addition to invoicing the user for any costs incurred by Council as a result of the hire.