



Field Policy

Background

To provide guidance on field use to help preserve the state of the limited space we have and, when fields are unavailable during the season (sometimes at short notice), clarity on priorities around use.

Context

This policy applies to all teams and groups operated by TCAFC. It also applies to teams and groups operated by TCAFC's associated clubs (eg. FCTM). It applies wherever these teams and groups train and host home games. Specific venues may change but amongst those currently in use are: Links Avenue Reserve, Ocean Downs Reserve, Macville Park, Te Wati Park and Baypark Stadium.

Cancellation Notifications

Check our Facebook page for any field closures or game cancellations, as updates will be posted there. We also have a Facebook feed on our website homepage.

Field Assessment

Help us maintain our fields by assessing conditions before training sessions or games. One session/game isn't worth a field being unavailable for weeks (or the season). If the pitch is waterlogged or overly worn, don't use it.

Training/Warm-up

Avoid training or warming up in critical areas, such as the goal box or centre of the field. Utilise designated areas off the pitch whenever possible. Avoid areas that are worn or soggy to prevent further damage. Inform visiting teams about designated warm-up areas and restrictions to ensure the field's preservation.

Game Days

Assist setting up fields and putting equipment away as per the duty list. If unsure, always put equipment away.

Time Allocation

Adhere to your allocated training time and be mindful of sharing space if certain areas are unusable.

Field Closures

When fields are closed, refrain from using them to avoid losing access to training facilities in the future.

Prioritisation

Due to League Regulations, we sometimes need to prioritise fields on game days to enable games to be played. These prioritisations will be mirrored for trainings.

At times, leagues can also take priority and some games maybe cancelled due to field restrictions. Typically, this mirrors our club priority and can mean other clubs who are in leagues higher than our own teams, will be prioritised. This is out of our club's control and we appreciate your understanding.

Priority will be given to:

Men's and Women's First Teams

NRFL Youth

W-League, U23 Mens, League One, Academy Youth (Federation teams)

Baywide Senior

Junior & Youth