

PURPOSE

The purpose of the recreation fees and charges policy is to outline the principles for the allocation of fees and charges for council owned recreation and sporting facilities.

OBJECTIVE

- Provide a transparent fee structure to sporting groups in Wodonga
- To implement a fair and measurable fee structure to the sporting clubs;
- Support the development of new sporting clubs;
- Support junior participation; and
- Clearly define the services provided to sporting groups by Council.

SCOPE

This Policy applies to all sporting and recreation facilities owned and managed by Wodonga Council and their respective user groups. This policy applies to not for profit organisations and does not apply to commercial or private facilities or facilities which operate gaming machines.

Exclusions

The recreation fees and charges review excludes the following facilities:

- Wodonga Sports and Leisure Centre
- Wodonga Olympic Swimming Pool
- Wodonga Racecourse and Showgrounds Reserve
- Community halls and facilities
- Private owned sporting facilities

DEFINITIONS

Council managed recreation facility

Council owned recreation facilities which are fully managed and maintained by Council.

POLICY

Fees and charges

- Council will use an equity based model for fees and charges
- Costs associated with capital renewal of recreation and sporting facilities is to be factored into user groups' fees and charges.
- Wodonga primary and secondary schools access is to be encouraged and supported by Council; therefore there will be no charge for use of council managed recreation facilities.
- Commercial hirers are required to pay for the services provided by Council.
- Council acknowledges that there is a difference between the level of services and associated costs to user groups on both agreements and long term leases.

Provision of facilities:

- Council aims to provide a range of quality recreation and sporting facilities to facilitate a variety of associated programs and services across the City of Wodonga.
- Council aims to maximise the usage of its recreation and sporting facilities and encourages and implements multi-use practices across its recreation and sporting facilities.
- Council aims to provide a diverse range of participation opportunities to the community
- Council acknowledges that it has responsibility to provide key services to ensure safe and quality facilities are provided to the community.

ATTACHMENTS

Nil

RELATED POLICIES

Recreation Fees and Charges Procedural Guidelines

RELATED LEGISLATION

Local Government Act 1989

REFERENCES

Nil

REVIEW

Council may review this policy at any time but unless otherwise requested at least every four years from date of adoption. Minor amendments to the policy may be authorised by the CEO at any time where such changes do not alter the substance of the policy eg: typographical errors, a change to the name of a related policy, or a change to the name of legislation.

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