

## **SEASON DEFINITION**

### **SUMMER SEASON:**

**Start: Second full weekend in September**  
**Finish: Second last full weekend in March**

### **WINTER SEASON:**

**Start: First full weekend of April**  
**Finish: Last full weekend of August**

## **PRIORITY IS GIVEN TO THE CURRENT SEASONAL USER GROUP**

Pre-season allocations are to work around the requirements of:

- Current seasonal hirers
- Council maintenance programs
- Capital works
- Condition and capacity of sportsgrounds.

## **BOOKINGS**

- Bookings must be made through Council's Parks Facilities officer.
- Any group found to be conducting training or fitness work without a confirmed booking may incur a penalty and jeopardise future allocations.

## **FEES**

- Hire fees apply for all pre-season training, grading and trial bookings.

## **FOOTBALL BOOTS**

Football boots (any sport shoes with spiked, studded soles or cleats) are:

- NOT to be worn until the official start of the Winter Season.
- NOT to be worn for pre-season training or grading.
- **Football boots may be worn for sanctioned trial games - during game play only.**

## **FLOODLIGHTS**

- Floodlights are available from March only.
- Floodlights are not available for Cricket training or fixtures.

## **CHANGE OVER (GOAL POSTS AND LINE MARKINGS)**

- Change over from summer to winter sports begins from the day after summer season ends
- Council cannot guarantee the status of posts, line marking or wickets during this time.
- It is Council's intention that all line markings and goal post installation will be carried out prior to the season start date. Summer Season finals may delay this process.
- **Goal post and line markings may not be available for trial games.**

## **GRADING DAYS**

- Your seasonally allocated ground/s may be available for grading purposes during **February**.
- **Line marking and goal post installation will not be carried out during this time.**
- **Football boots are NOT permitted for Grading Days.**

## **TRIAL GAMES**

- Bookings for trial games may be available during March subject to maintenance, summer seasonal requirements, condition and capacity of sportsgrounds.
- **Football boots may be worn for sanctioned trial games - during game play only.**

### **TRIAL GAMES FOR SOCCER:**

- Bookings must be made through NWSF or NSFA only and will not be taken by individual clubs.

- Pre-season trial games will be allowed (where available) during **March** at the following grounds:
  - ❖ **Foxglove Oval**
  - ❖ **Montview Oval**
  - ❖ **Ron Payne Reserve**
  - ❖ **Hayes Park**
  - ❖ **Pennant Hills Park No 3 (Synthetic Field)**

### **SELECTED GROUNDS AVAILABLE FOR PRE-SEASON FITNESS WORK FROM JANUARY**

Selected grounds that are not required by summer user groups, have had limited use in the previous season and are expected to sustain the early wear and tear created by additional training may be available for pre-season training. Selected Grounds include:

- ❖ **Arcadia Oval**
- ❖ **Berry Park**
- ❖ **Booth Park**
- ❖ **Cowan Oval**
- ❖ **Galston Recreational Reserve**
- ❖ **Glenorie Oval**
- ❖ **James Henty Oval**
- ❖ **James Park**
- ❖ **Old Dairy Oval**
- ❖ **Pennant Hills Oval #3 (Synthetic Field)**
- ❖ **Wisemans Ferry Oval**

**Football boots are NOT permitted for pre-season training.**

### **ADDITIONAL TRAINING**

- From **March**, other grounds may become available for training purposes providing sportsgrounds have capacity and are not being utilised by summer user groups or Council's maintenance program.
- There is no guarantee that fields will be marked or goal posts installed.
- Restrictions may apply for the number of nights allocated for training.
- **Football boots are NOT permitted for pre-season training.**

### **ELITE SQUADS**

The highest grade recognised by the club/association of each sporting code (eg; Premier/Super League/1st Grade) may be allowed to carry out pre-season training with the following conditions:

- Beginning from the **3rd week in January**.
- On the club's regular home ground
- 2 evenings per week between 6.00pm - 8.00pm.
- Pending written confirmation from summer seasonal hirers.
- **Football boots are NOT permitted for pre-season training.**

### **TERMS & CONDITIONS:**

Failure to adhere to the above conditions, along with the standard Conditions of Hire for Sportsgrounds, will jeopardise any future booking or allocations. If a club or team is found in breach of the conditions, one written warning will be issued to the club. Any subsequent breaches will result in financial penalties, possible termination of the Licence Agreement and or loss of allocations.

### **WEBSITE LINKS:**

Please see website for terms & conditions, application forms and fees & charges:

<https://www.hornsby.nsw.gov.au/lifestyle/sports-and-recreation/facilities/sportsgrounds/sportsground-hire>