

## **2008 Policy for Field 1 Use**

### **Preamble**

The committee agrees that it is desirable to restrict Field 1 usage in an endeavor to maintain the playing surface in an 'as good as possible' condition with the aim of having it playable for the entire season.

Capalaba is fortunate to have 3 full sized fields and 5 Junior sized fields, not all clubs can boast of such luxury. It is reasonable to strive to have a field that we can be proud of and be able to host games on something better than a 'cow paddock', indeed it is perhaps incumbent on us to do so from the perspective of F.B.I.

The only way to achieve such an aim is to restrict the number of times Field 1 is used. Training sessions are far more destructive to the playing surface than any game, as activity is usually restricted to a small area and is repetitive thus wearing a spot that would not normally see such wear.

To enable planned maintenance of the field ALL scheduled games should be known for the entire season, no additions should be permitted, without advance notice and only after adequate consultation with the committee, taking into account the known schedule, the weather and any other pertinent factors.

It needs to be kept in mind that a field not being used does not mean it is automatically available. Merely resting a field is one means of maintaining it.

A blanket 'No Go' policy seems to be the fairest way to deal with this. To apply for the use of Field 1 a Field 1 Request Form must be completed 7 days prior to the fixture requested.

Less wear and tear on Field 1 should allow more time and effort to be allocated to other fields, which historically are barely viable by the end of the season.

Casual use of the goal squares are the most damaging activities as can be seen on Field 2.

## **The Policy**

The aim of this policy is to preserve the playing surface of Field 1 in a condition that will meet F.B.I. standards as well as our own members and players expectations.

Field 1 is to be reserved for duly authorized and sanctioned matches wherever possible. Requests for supplementary matches and training sessions will normally be denied, however requests will be given a fair and equitable hearing – application forms can be obtained from the football office or on the web site.

Factors such as the condition of the playing surface, the weather, the anticipated known use, the maintenance scheduled, the activity that the requestor plans to carry out, the probability of any revenue being generated through such activity will all impact on any decision that is made.

All other options will be fully investigated and preferably used before Field 1.

The person responsible for maintaining the Grounds as appointed by the current committee, or their delegate will normally be the person to give approval, and therefore any approval from others should not be taken as permission to use the field.

The Committee expects Coaches, Managers, Parents and Players to abide by this policy and to assist by keeping people off the field.

The senior's first team has the right to train on field 1 once per month unless otherwise advised by the person responsible for maintaining the grounds as appointed by the committee, or their delegate.

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Club President