

Sport Field Rates and Fees for 2019

The purpose of this report is to recommend the 2019 rates and fees for the charge for use sport fields.

Background

The Recreation and Community Development Division allocates over 280 sport fields, including 103 charge sport fields, to accommodate a variety of outdoor sporting activities such as soccer, softball, slo-pitch, baseball, football, ultimate Frisbee, cricket, and lacrosse. These activities are organized by various local youth and adult sport organizations. The sport fields are located in neighbourhood, district, multi-district, and special-use parks serving both regular league and tournament play, including provincial and national competitions.

In accordance with Policy No. C03-030, Recreation Facilities – Rental Fees, charge for use sport field rates are set to recover 100% of recoverable costs above the basic service level. The basic service level provides routine maintenance for all City of Saskatoon-owned parks, including mowing, irrigation, aeration, fertilization, and weekly garbage collection. Maintenance and services above the basic service level includes additional mowing, irrigation, aeration, fertilization, pest control, top dressing, and additional garbage collection during the season.

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New Sport Field Lighting Rates and Fees

Prior to 2019, users of the UMEA and Newsham multi-purpose fields had to coordinate and pay Saskatoon Adult Soccer Inc. to use the lights at both fields. A review was completed in 2018 to determine a cost recovery of the electrical charges for using the lights at the UMEA and Newsham multi-purpose fields.

Beginning in 2019, the Recreation and Community Development Division will be responsible for allocating and charging the user groups for the use of the UMEA and Newsham multi-purpose Class I fields with lights. A blended rate to achieve 100% cost recovery has been calculated based on the usage over the past three years. The proposed rate will be an additional \$15 per hour (plus GST) or \$30 (plus GST) for a two-hour game.

Charge for Use Sport Fields - Proposed Rates

The proposed rates are to ensure full cost recovery is maintained for 2019 for services/maintenance above the basic service level, and is based on projected usage figures and operating costs. The following table outlines the proposed rates:

Sport Fields: Proposed 2019 Per Game (two hours) Fee Schedule (plus GST)				
Classification	Field	2017 Approved	2018 No increase	2019 Proposed
Class I Fields with Lights	Multi-Purpose	\$62.00	\$62.00	\$92.00
Class I Fields without Lights	Multi-Purpose/ Ball Diamonds	\$61.50	\$61.50	\$61.50
Class II Fields	Multi-Purpose/ Ball Diamonds	\$59.00	\$59.00	\$59.00
Class III Fields	Multi-Purpose/ Ball Diamonds	\$53.50	\$53.50	\$53.50

- Tournament rate is four times the game rate
- Discount for rainouts - every tenth game free

Financial Implications

The proposed rates and fees described are in accordance with Policy No. C03-030, Recreation Facilities – Rental Fees. Charge for use sport field rates are set to recover 100% of recoverable costs above the basic service level.

The Administration is adding new sport field lighting rates and fees. The rates and fees to use the lights at the UMEA and Newsham multi-purpose fields is set at 100% cost recovery for electrical charges.

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