

SPORT AND RECREATION

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1. POLICY STATEMENT

- a) Council acknowledges participation in sport and recreation activities is a key contributing factor to building and maintaining positive health and wellbeing.
- b) Council acknowledges that sport and recreation activities and interests vary widely within the community and each has equal legitimacy. Council recognises that all residents of the City of Unley should have the opportunity to participate in a spectrum of recreational opportunities.
- c) Council will actively encourage the development of a community in which individuals have the right, opportunity, and means to access appropriately priced, located and promoted sport and recreation facilities, programs and services of good quality, regardless of age, gender, income, ability and culture.

2. COMMUNITY GOAL

Goal 2 – Living: Our Path to a Thriving City

3. POLICY OBJECTIVES

The objectives of this policy are:

- a) To enable the community to participate in quality sport and recreation opportunities within the City of Unley.

- b) To promote the benefits of living a healthy lifestyle through participation in sport and recreation opportunities, and to also promote the opportunities that exist within the City of Unley.
- c) To ensure that Council's sport and recreation assets are used to optimal levels and maintained in accordance with a service level asset management approach that aligns to the classification and use of a particular asset.
- d) To actively support resource and facility sharing and encourage joint development of multi-use facilities by Council, the community and other service providers.
- e) To actively support clubs and other recreation service providers to maximise the number of people involved in sport and recreation activities.
- f) To develop and maintain partnerships with other Local Government agencies, State and Federal Governments to develop a coordinated and integrated approach across government and to attract funding resources for recreation projects that meet the needs of the community.

4. PRINCIPLES

The following Principles underpin the City of Unley's approach to sport and recreation:

1) Participation for all

Everyone should have opportunities to participate in sport and recreation activities that contribute to their health and wellbeing, regardless of age, ability, gender, cultural background or socio-economic status.

We will encourage, support and facilitate in piloting and evaluating new ideas and opportunities that encourage more people to be physically active.

2) Optimal facilities and optimal use

Sport and recreation facilities should be strategically provided in accordance with current and future community interests and needs, population growth and resources, to ensure we provide the right mix and balance of facilities, in consideration of opportunities near City of Unley's borders.

We will aim to provide sport and recreation facilities throughout the City that offer a variety of experiences and choices, and will design facilities for optimal use for both sport and recreation activities.

Facility provision and design will also consider public health and safety, other investment (such as by a local sports club), history (such as a sports club affiliation with a facility), minimising our ecological impact and quality.

We will also work with organisations and individuals to foster and encourage behaviour changes, to ensure resources are used optimally.

3) Partnerships

In consideration of Council's role for various circumstances we will seek and foster partnerships with the community, community organisations, other government agencies, the private sector, education institutions and the sport and recreation industry to deliver more opportunities and deliver them in a relevant and timely manner.

We will collaborate with the community on sport and recreation initiatives to build community capacity, promote inclusiveness and empower people to be responsible for their own health and wellbeing.

4) Financially sustainable sport and recreation facilities, programs and services

Financial sustainability will be a key consideration in everything we do.

We will take a 'whole of Council' approach to deliver sport and recreation facilities, programs and services.

We will work to leverage our investment in sport and recreation from external sources, and will endorse and encourage commercial opportunities where they promote physical activity outcomes.

5) Involving our community

We will listen to and work with the community to ensure interests and needs are considered when providing and/or advocating for sport and recreation opportunities.

We will also provide information regarding sport and recreation opportunities in the City of Unley and will promote the positive aspects of physical activity as a contributor to health and wellbeing.

5. POLICY

Council recognises its various roles in ensuring all members of the community have access to quality sport and recreation facilities, programs and services that meet their unique needs.

6. DEFINITIONS

For the purposes of this policy, the following definitions apply:

Sport is any human activity capable of achieving a result requiring physical exertion and/or physical skill which, by its nature and organisation, is competitive and is generally accepted as being a sport (Office for Recreation & Sport SA, 2015).

Recreation is any structured or unstructured, active or passive, activity chosen and undertaken for the purpose of enjoyment. Recreation is engaged in during leisure time and offers a person an outlet for physical, mental and/or creative expression.

7. LEGISLATION / REFERENCES

City of Unley, Community Plan 2033
City of Unley, Open Space Strategy
City of Unley, Open Space Policy
City of Unley, Sport and Recreation Plan

8. POLICY DELEGATIONS

Nil applicable.

9. ROLES / RESPONSIBILITIES

General Manager Community.

10. AVAILABILITY

The policy is available for public inspection during normal office hours from:

Civic Centre
181 Unley Road
Unley SA 5061

It is also available for viewing, download and printing free of charge from the Council's website, www.unley.sa.gov.au

11. DOCUMENT HISTORY

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