

COU0013: SPORT & RECREATION POLICY

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Responsible Officer:	Manager City Design
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1. PREAMBLE

- 1.1. Council acknowledges participation in sport and recreation activities is a key contributing factor to building and maintaining positive health and wellbeing.
- 1.2. Council acknowledges that sport and recreation activities and interests vary widely within the community. Council recognises that all residents of the City of Unley should have the opportunity to participate in a range of sporting and recreational opportunities.

2. SCOPE

- 2.1. Council will actively encourage the development of a community in which individuals have the right, opportunity, and means to access appropriately located and promoted sport and recreation facilities, programs and services of good quality, regardless of age, gender, income, ability and culture.

3. POLICY PURPOSE/OBJECTIVES

- 3.1. The objectives of this policy are:
 - 3.1.1. To enable the community to participate in quality sport and recreation opportunities within the City of Unley.
 - 3.1.2. To promote the benefits of living a healthy lifestyle through participation in sport and recreation, and to promote the opportunities that exist within the City of Unley and adjoining Councils.

- 3.1.3. To ensure that Council's sport and recreation assets are used at sustainable levels and maintained in accordance with a service level asset management approach that aligns to the classification and use of a particular asset.
 - 3.1.4. To actively support resource and facility sharing and encourage joint development of multi-use facilities by Council, the community and other service providers.
 - 3.1.5. To actively support clubs and other recreation service providers to maximise the number of people involved in sport and recreation activities.
 - 3.1.6. 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.
- 3.2. In order to achieve these objectives Council's approach is based on the following themes:

Participation for all

- 3.2.1. 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.
- 3.2.2. We will encourage, support and facilitate in piloting and evaluating new ideas and opportunities that encourage more people to be physically active.

Optimal facilities and optimal use

- 3.2.3. 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.
- 3.2.4. We will aim to provide sport and recreation facilities throughout the City that offer a variety of experiences and choices, and to design facilities for optimal use.
- 3.2.5. Facility provision and design will consider public health and safety, other investment (such as by local sports clubs), historic and name associations (such as a sports club affiliation with a facility), minimising our ecological impact, and providing appropriate quality.
- 3.2.6. We will work with organisations and individuals to foster and encourage behaviour changes to ensure resources are used optimally.

Partnerships

- 3.2.7. 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.
- 3.2.8. 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.

Sustainable sport and recreation facilities, programs and services

- 3.2.9. Financial sustainability will be a key consideration in all sport and recreation opportunities.
- 3.2.10. We will take a 'whole of Council' approach to deliver sport and recreation facilities, programs and services.
- 3.2.11. 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.

Involving our community

- 3.2.12. 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.
- 3.2.13. We will provide information to the community 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.

4. 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.

5. ROLES AND RESPONSIBILITIES

5.1. This Policy will be administered on behalf of Council by the:

- Landscape Architect
- Manager City Design

6. POLICY STATEMENT

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

7. POLICY DELEGATIONS

7.1. The Administration may make any alterations when necessary to the Regular Sports Training Activities Permit Terms and Conditions without requiring formal Council approval.

8. LEGISLATION + PLANS

Local Government Act 1999

City of Unley By-laws:

- No. 1; Permits and Penalties
- No. 3; Local Government Land

City of Unley; *Four Year Delivery Plan 2017-2021*

City of Unley; *Community Land Management Plans, 2007*

City of Unley; *Sport and Recreation Plan 2015-2020*

9. AVAILABILITY OF POLICY

9.1. The Policy is available for public inspection during normal office hours at:

The Civic Centre,
181 Unley Road, Unley SA 5061.

A copy may be purchased for a fee as determined annually by Council.

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

10. DOCUMENT HISTORY

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