

Wet Weather Policy for Shellharbour City Council's Sportsfields

Council Policy

Policy Name: Wet Weather Policy for Shellharbour City Council's Sportsfields	Policy Number: POL-0083-V03
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1. Policy Statement/Objective(s)

Shellharbour City Council is committed to providing a range of accessible recreation opportunities and association facilities to cater for a broad range of ages, abilities and interests.

This policy outlines the method on which sporting clubs and associations can utilise Shellharbour City Council's sportsfield in wet weather conditions.

2. Scope

This policy applies when utilising Council's sportsfields during wet weather conditions.

3. References

Nil

4. Definitions

Nil

5. Variation and Review

Council reserves the right to review, vary or revoke this policy.

Review History

Date Policy first adopted – Version 1	10 December 2013
Revised with amendment to cost of bond – Versions 2	16 June 2014
Revision with amendments to Sportsfields categories – Versions 3	4 August 2015

6. Policy

6.1 Sport or Training Occurring on Normal Work Days, ie Monday - Friday

During normal working hours, the sporting body concerned must contact Council's Customer Services on 4221 6111 for the decision on whether the sportsfield is suitable for use. The Parks Manager, or representative, have the authority to determine whether playing fields are to be closed. Sporting clubs, who operate out of category 2 and category 3 fields, who wish to utilise their wet weather bond for training purposes during normal working week must contact Council's Manager Property & Recreation prior to utilising any sportsfield

6.2 Sport or Training Occurring on Weekends

Clubs carrying out sport or training on weekends must comply with one of the following options.

CATEGORY 1 FIELDS

There is no option for payment of bond for sporting clubs to make their own decisions on utilising the fields in wet weather.

Council will determine if these fields are to be closed or not during wet weather. If closed these field are not to be utilised.

If the fields are utilised during this time the following will apply

Clubs infringing on this system which results in Council being required to carry out restoration work, the following disciplinary action will occur:

- a. **First Offence** An invoice for Damage Bond be issued to and paid by the club prior to the use of playing field **and** acceptance of **all** restoration costs of the playing field should work be required by Council.
- b. **Third Offence** Immediate suspension of **all approvals** for use of Council's playing fields.

CATEGORY 2 & 3 FIELDS

Sporting clubs have the opportunity to pay a wet weather bond and make their own decision in relation to weather they utilise the field or not due to wet weather. If the fields are damaged during this time the following disciplinary action will occur

Clubs wanting to have the responsibility to **make their own decision** on whether to use a Council playing field in wet weather must:

1. Make written application to Council and pay a wet weather bond to Council of \$1000 at the beginning of the season. The application must be lodged and approved by Council prior to a club making their own decision on use of a field in wet weather. The bond will be refunded at the end of the season providing Council

has not been required to carry out restoration work due to damage of the field by use in wet weather.

2. Nominate to Council in writing the responsible Club member who will be making the decision on whether the playing field is suitable for use, or not.
3. Contact Council's Manager Property & Recreation prior to the use of any sportsfields in wet weather.
3. Acceptance of **all Council restoration costs** that arise from damage to the playing field after its use during wet weather.

Clubs infringing on this system which results in Council being required to carry out restoration work, must follow the following disciplinary action will occur:

- a. **First Offence:** Forfeit of wet weather bond. New Damage Bond of \$1108 to be submitted prior to any further use of playing field **and** acceptance by the sporting club for all restoration costs of the playing field should work be required by Council.
- b. **Third Offence:** Immediate suspension of all approvals for use of Council's playing fields.

7. Related Forms

[Sports fields - Casual Hire Application Form](#)

[Sports fields – School Casual Hire Application Form](#)

[Sports fields - School Term Hire Application Form](#)

[Sports fields - Seasonal Application Form](#)

[Sports fields - Wet Weather Bond Application](#)

Note: Related forms can be located Online under “Forms”

8. Attachments:

Attachment 1: Shellharbour City Council Sportsfields Wet Weather Categories

Policy Authorised by:

Name: Council Resolution 225

Date: 4 August 2015

Shellharbour City Council Sportsfields Wet Weather Categories



Category 1 - Worst Affected by Rain	Category 2 - Moderately Affected by Rain	Category 3 - Hardly Affected by Rain
<p>Albion Oval Southern Area – Ash Ave, Albion Park Rail</p> <p>Barrack Heights Sports Fields #2 and # 3- Daphne St, Barrack Heights</p> <p>Jock Brown Oval - Gipps Cres, Barrack Heights</p> <p>Keith Grey Oval - Albion Park Showground, Tongarra Road, Albion Park</p> <p>King Memorial Oval - The Kingsway, Barrack Heights</p> <p>McDonald Park - Tongarra Road and Station Road, Albion Park Rail</p> <p>Panorama Oval/Shane Lee Field (Eastern Field) - The Boulevard, Oak Flats</p>	<p>Albion Oval Northern Area- Ash Ave, Albion Park Rail</p> <p>Barrack Heights Sportsfield Field #1 – Daphne Street Barrack Heights</p> <p>Ben Fretus Field - William Ave, Shellharbour</p> <p>Centenary Training Fields- Croom Regional Sporting Complex, Croom Road, Albion Park Rail</p> <p>Centenary Oval - Croom Regional Sporting Complex, Croom Road, Albion Park Rail</p> <p>Croom Cricket Oval - Croom Regional Sporting Complex, Croom Road, Albion Park Rail</p> <p>Croom Netball Courts -Croom Regional Sporting Complex, Croom Road, Albion Park Rail</p> <p>Dawes Park - Barrack Ave, Barrack Point</p> <p>Des King Oval - Albion Park Showground, Tongarra Road, Albion Park</p> <p>Flinders Reserve - Watte Road & Jindadyne Road, Flinders</p> <p>Geoff Shaw Oval - Kingston Street, Oak Flats</p> <p>Howard Fowles Oval # 2 - Shellharbour Road, Lake Illawarra</p> <p>Morley Park - Trumper Street, Warilla</p> <p>Oakleigh Park - Shellharbour Road, Warilla</p> <p>Panorama Oval Western Field Only – The Boulevard, Oak Flats</p> <p>Pioneer Park - Addison Street, Shellharbour</p> <p>Terry Reserve outside fields - Hughes Drive Albion Park</p>	<p>Andrew Park - Johnston St, Mount Warrigal</p> <p>Cec Glenholmes Oval - Reddall Parade, Lake Illawarra</p> <p>Con O'Keefe Oval - Russell Street, Albion Park</p> <p>Croom Equestrian Area – Croom Regional Sporting Complex, Albion Park Rail</p> <p>Diane Gorman Oval - Russell Street, Albion Park</p> <p>Freeman Park - Roycroft Ave, Mount Warrigal</p> <p>Howard Fowles Oval # 1 - Shellharbour Road, Lake Illawarra</p> <p>John O'Dwyer Oval - Croom Regional Sporting Complex, Croom Road, Albion Park Rail</p> <p>Keith Bond Oval - Fisher Street, Oak Flats</p> <p>Keith Hockey Oval - Boolwarroo Parade, Shellharbour</p> <p>King Mokee Park - George Street, Warilla</p> <p>Myimbarr Community Park - Watte Road, Flinders</p> <p>Ron Costello Oval - William Street, Shellharbour</p> <p>Scout Willoughby Oval - Beach Street, Shellharbour</p> <p>Terry Reserve Field #1 – Hughes Drive Albion Park</p> <p>Terry Reserve Equestrian Area – Hughes Drive Albion Park</p>

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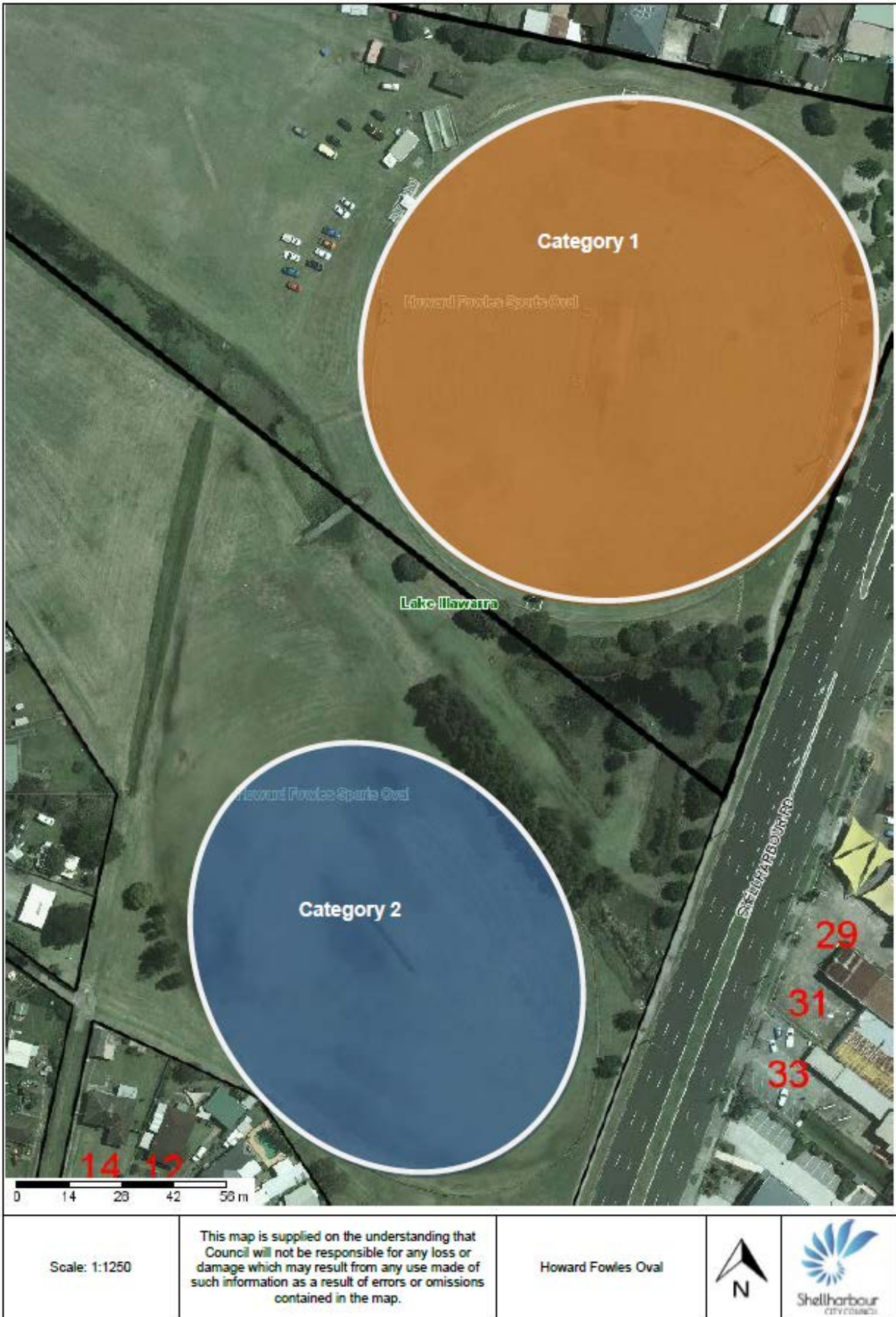
- Hard Court Netball Courts – Croom Regional Sporting Complex & Andrew Park
- Cricket Practice Cages –Croom Cricket Oval, Geoff Shaw Oval, Howard Fowles Oval, Keith Grey Oval, Panorama Oval, Scout Willoughby Oval

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Panorama Oval



