

POINT GREY SOCCER CLUB LIT FIELD PRACTICE ALLOCATION GUIDELINES & APPLICATION PROCESS

Beginning October 1, Point Grey Soccer Club has access to three lit practice fields:

1. Queen Mary Elementary School gravel (QM) – Monday to Thursday 5:00pm-9:00pm (Tuesdays will only have ½ a field available due to Pro Coaching sessions);
2. Carnarvon Elementary School gravel (CAR) – Monday to Friday, 5:00pm-9:00pm;
3. Point Grey Turf (PG) **Thursday**¹, 5:00pm-9:00pm

The lit fields are only available for use after October 1. During September, teams will not have formally designated practice fields and will cooperate with other teams in sharing the grass fields.

This year we are aiming to have all practice field applications submitted by June 27, 2008 so that we can complete the process of allocating practice lit fields for Divisional teams before the end of the summer. We are hoping this will allow players to schedule other activities in a way that minimizes conflicts with soccer in the fall.

Please keep in mind that lit practice fields are a scarce resource and almost all of us have demanding schedules at work and at home. As a result, not everyone will be assigned their first choice for practice time. For the schedule to work, we count on people being reasonable and trying to be as flexible as possible. Keep in mind that the most popularly requested times and days are 6pm-8pm Tuesday to Thursday. You will improve your team's chances of getting what you want if you can choose a time outside this window.

LIT FIELD APPLICATION PROCESS

Here is the process we will use to apply for, and allocate lit fields.

1. **Age Group Coordinators submit list of teams and contacts** – As soon as the tryout process is complete in the spring and teams have been set for the 2008-09 season, the Age Group Coordinators (or coach / manager in age groups that only have one team and where there is not an Age Group Coordinator) will send the Practice Field Coordinator a list of team names/levels and team contacts (phone and email).
2. **Application Package distributed by email** –The Practice Field Coordinator will send the team contacts the Lit Field Application package by e-mail.
3. **Teams complete application** – Coaches/Managers will poll their teams to determine ranked preferences for lit field practice time (which begins Oct 1). For each practice being applied for, the team must submit **three** choices with at least **two different days and two different time slots**. If applying for two practices, one of your choices for second practice must include a Friday or Monday. The most popular practice times are Tuesday-Thursday 6:00-8:00. Your chance of getting what you want increases if you can choose a time that avoids the most popular times and days. **Note: Applications showing only one choice of day and/or time for 1st and/or 2nd practices will not be processed.** Don't assume you are the only coach or team with difficult scheduling constraints.

¹ Each year, Point Grey, Kerrisdale and Dunbar, soccer clubs have one practice night each on the Point Grey Turf. The night assigned to each club changes each year. For 2008-09 season, Point Grey has been assigned **Thursday** nights.

4. **Applications Submitted to Practice Field Coordinator** – Teams to e-mail the Lit Practice Field Coordinator at alivojATshaw.ca (remember to replace AT with @ in e-mail address).
5. **Committee will allocate practice fields** – After the application deadline, a committee will prepare a schedule for each of the lit practice fields. The committee will use the Guidelines for Lit Field Allocation (following) in preparing the schedule.
6. **Completed lit field schedule** – The completed lit field schedule will be communicated by email to all teams. It will also be posted on the Point Grey web page.

GUIDELINES FOR LIT FIELD ALLOCATION

The lit field allocation committee will use the following guidelines in establishing the practice schedule for the lit fields. Whenever possible, the committee will attempt to assign practice days and times listed as a team's first or second choice.

Age

- Older teams placed first in late slots.
- Encourage the Mini teams to fill available gym spaces and not use lit practice fields.

Gender

- Aim for equal prioritization of choices from girls and boys teams (in the assigning process, alternate between boys' teams and girls' teams by age group)

Space and Time

- Teams will be assigned a specific location on one of the lit practice fields (e.g. SW ¼ or West ½) for a specific time.
- QM and CAR will accommodate maximum of 2 full size divisional teams per time slot.
- PG Turf will be scheduled for 4 full size divisional teams per time slot. First priority for regular practice slots on the PG Turf will go to Gold Divisional teams in the U15+ age groups. This is consistent with the City of Vancouver's directive for game use which is to use turf for older age groups that tend to be harder on grass than younger age groups are. Second Priority for practice on turf will be U13-U14 Gold and U15+ Silver/Silver A teams & Bronze/Silver B; third priority U13-U14 Silver/Silver A teams; fourth priority U13-U14 Bronze / Silver B; and fifth priority to other teams that do not fall into above categories. Teams with low attendance at practices on turf will be rescheduled to off turf locations.
- The target for practice space and time by age group by level is shown in detail on the attached chart.

Field sharing benefits

- When possible, we look for opportunities to match up teams of similar age and ability to allow the opportunity for scrimmages and cooperative practices.

Detailed Guidelines for Assigning Practice time by Age Group and by Level:

It was necessary to develop these guidelines because Point Grey Soccer Club does not have access to enough lit practice field space to provide all teams with as much practice time as would be ideal during October to March. The guidelines are intended to allow for the allocation of this limited resource in a way that is equitable but that also recognizes different requirements for different age groups and competitive levels.

	Queen Mary: 1 st Practice		Queen Mary: 2 nd Practice		Carnarvon: 1 st Practice		Carnarvon: 2 nd Practice		Point Grey Turf: 1 st Practice	
	Space (fraction of field)	Time (hours)	Space (fraction of field)	Time (hrs)	Space (fraction of field)	Time (hrs)	Space (fraction of field)	Time (hrs)	Space (fraction of field)	Time (hrs)
U15 – U18										
Gold	1/2	1-1½	½ Priority 1	1-1½	1/2	1-1½	½ Priority 1	1-1½	¼ Priority 1	1-1½
Silver / Silver A	1/2	1-1½	½ Priority 2	1-1½	1/2	1-1½	½ Priority 2	1-1½	¼ Priority 2	1-1½
Bronze / Silver B	1/2	1-1½	½ Priority 2	1-1½	1/2	1-1½	½ Priority 2	1-1½	¼ Priority 2	1-1½
U13 – U14										
Gold	1/2	1-1½	½ Priority 1	1-1½	1/2	1-1½	½ Priority 1	1-1½	¼ Priority 2	1-1½
Silver / Silver A	1/2	1-1½	½ Priority 2	1-1½	1/2	1-1½	½ Priority 2	1-1½	¼ Priority 3	1-1½
Bronze / Silver B	1/2	1-1½	½ Priority 2	1-1½	1/2	1-1½	½ Priority 2	1-1½	¼ Priority 4	1-1½
U11 – U12										
Gold	1/4	1-1½	¼ Priority 1	1-1½	1/4	1-1½	¼ Priority 1	1-1½	¼ Priority 5	1-1½
Silver / Silver A	1/4	1-1½	¼ Priority 2	1-1½	1/4	1-1½	¼ Priority 2	1-1½	¼ Priority 5	1-1½
Bronze / Silver B	1/4	1	NO	NO	1/4	1	NO	NO	¼ Priority 5	1-1½
U10 Boys	1/2	1	NO	NO	1/2	1	NO	NO	¼ Priority 5	1
U9 Boys	1/2	1	NO	NO	1/2	1	NO	NO	¼ Priority 5	1

**2008-2009 Season
REQUEST FOR LIT FIELD PRACTICE TIMES
(Use of Lit Fields Begins after October 1, 2008)**

PLEASE TYPE OR PRINT CLEARLY

Team Name	Level (Gold, Silver, Silver A, Bronze, Silver B, Mini)	Boys/Girls	Age Group (U?)

Contact Information: (please provide 2 contacts; email and phone required)

Contact 1 Name		Contact 2 Name	
Position on Team		Position on Team	
Phone		Phone	
Email		Email	

Please indicate:

Request to pair with another team? ___no ___yes (team name/level_____)

Request for back to back with another team? ___no yes___ (team name/level_____)

Other requests? _____

Point Grey's Lit Field Options: Queen Mary Mon-Thur 5:00-9:00, Carnarvon Mon-Fri 5:00-9:00, Point Grey Turf Thursday 5:00-9:00. **Note: Please read guidelines regarding priority for practice slots on turf field.**

Your Request: (Please submit 3 choices for each requested practice)

Important: Your choices for each practice must indicate at least **two** different days and **two** different times. If asking for two practices, one choice for second practice must include Friday or Monday. Don't assume you are the only coach or team with difficult scheduling constraints. **If your request does not meet these guidelines it will not be processed.**

Practice #1	Day (at least 2 different days)	Time (at least 2 different times)	Comments
1 st Choice			
2 nd Choice			
3 rd Choice			
Practice #2 if necessary	Day (at least one choice = Mon or Fri)	Time (at least 2 different times)	Comments
1 st Choice			
2 nd Choice			
3 rd Choice			

Return this form by no later than **June 27, 2008**. You can e-mail it to Mike Alivojvodic at alivojATshaw.ca (remember to replace AT with @ in e-mail address).