



Crusaders Rugby Club

Policy, Priority & Procedure for field Allocation

Field allocation for the Crusaders Club shall be decided based upon the policy and procedures laid down within this document:

Conflicts for field allocation will be decided by the field-allocation sub-committee, as appointed by the Club board of directors

Priority shall be given to teams within the Crusaders club over “outside” teams / clubs (e.g. School team games, NOB’s, Ontario-Blues and Junior-Blues practice or games, Touch-football)

Teams wishing to use the Crusaders facilities (Fields, Clubhouse etc) shall apply using the appropriate booking form

“Outside” clubs and teams will be required to pay the appropriate fees for use of the fields, equipment and/or change-rooms and clubhouse – fees to be agreed by the club general committee

Priority for field allocations will be based upon the following principles:-

- (1) Main-field priority shall be granted based upon the relative importance of each game – and the general ranking will be based upon the following:

- Rank-1 - Men’s 1st team
- Rank-2 - Men’s 2nd team
- Rank-3 - Women’s 1st team
- Rank-4 - Men’s 3rd team
- Rank-5 - Men’s 4th team
- Rank-6 - Women’s 2nd team
- Rank-7 - Men’s Rugby League
- Rank-8 - Boys U18 Teams
- Rank-9 - Boys U16 Teams
- Rank-10 - Boys U14 teams
- Rank-11 - Girls U18 Teams
- Rank-12 - Girls U15 Teams
- Rank-13 - Minis
- Rank-14 - “Outside” teams

This listing applies as a guide-line – The sub-committee have the right to alter the allocation, when required (e.g., To allow Women’s team to have access to the main-field (see specific example below); For Mini’s to host a tournament day; etc.).

- (2) Crusaders Club (and allocation sub-committee), have the right to refuse access to a field previously “allocated” if the conditions exist that its use would likely cause undue damage to that field (e.g. too-wet).
- (3) Club teams playing against in-coming touring-teams shall have priority for the main-field where possible.
- (4) If possible – all teams training and practices shall take place on fields and areas other than the Main-field, so as to preserve the condition of the main-field throughout the season (i.e. the main-field shall be used for games-only, where possible).
- (5) Club League and Play-off/Cup games have priority over friendly games.
- (6) (proper) Games have priority over practice-games and training sessions.
- (7) Club team’s practice and training has priority over “outside” practice/training/games

Field allocation sub-committee have the right to alter previously “confirmed” field-allocations under extra-ordinary circumstances (e.g. to re-schedule postponed league-games, or accommodate in-coming touring-team games). Any such changes to field allocation will be communicated to the affected team-coaches with as much notice as possible.

Example:- Proposed Guiding Principles for Conflict Resolution to ensure our Women’s Teams have adequate access to Main Pitch:

Guiding Principles

1. Men’s 1st play all games on Main Pitch
(due to 3 p.m. kick-off, no conflicts are anticipated for these games)
2. Men’s 2nd receive priority to Main Pitch for 1:30 games, unless there is a conflict with a Women’s 1st game

In case of a conflict, the following will determine priority for the

Men's 2nd Team

- i. Opposing team's position on league table
- ii. Traditional rivalry
- iii. Number of pitch conflicts for the season
- iv. Anticipated spectator level
- v. Once priority is determined, Women's 2nd or Men's 3rd games will be played on the same field as the Women's 1st or Men's 2nd Team

Example:

		MEN v	WOMEN v
24-May 2014	12:00	Balmy Beach 3	Yeomen W 2
	13:30	Balmy Beach 2	Yeomen W 1
	15:00	Balmy Beach 1	
12-July 2014	12:00	Waterloo 3	Waterloo W 2
	13:30	Waterloo 2	Waterloo W 1
	15:00	Waterloo 1	
26-July 2014	12:00	Markham Irish 3	Toronto Scottish W 2
	13:30	Markham Irish 2	Toronto Scottish W 1
	15:00	Markham Irish 1	

In this example, the games that pose a conflict would be Beach, Markham and Waterloo. Using the Guiding Principles above, we would resolve as follows

- Beach and Markham rank higher on league tables; Waterloo is lower ranked
- Beach and Markham have traditional rivalry with Crusaders
- There are 3 pitch conflicts for the season
- Beach and Markham game will likely bring more spectators than Waterloo game

Based on applying the guiding principles, Women's 1st Team will play on the Main Pitch on June 12 in place of the Men's 2nd Team.