



BULLI FOOTBALL CLUB LTD

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Use of Balls Paddock Policy

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This policy outlines the guidelines for the use of Balls Paddock.

Property of Wollongong City Council:

Balls Paddock facility is owned by Wollongong City Council, the facility is leased by Bullli Football Club Ltd. The lease agreement outlines the rules and regulations applicable for the use of the facility. Whilst the lease agreement is between Council and the Football Club, the asset is owned by Wollongong City Council and no major works or development is allowed unless approved by Council using the Development Application (DA) process listed on the Council website.

The lease agreement requires the Club to pay for all utilities like gas, electricity, and excess water usage. The club must be insured, and the lease identifies minimum insurance limits that must be covered. The club is required to maintain the facility to reasonable condition, which includes the playing surface and surrounding landscape. The lease identifies these maintenance requirements.

Council manages the Fire Safety compliance for the facility, this is part of a broader policy for Council assets. Council outsources the Fire Safety audits to an external provider, who is contracted directly to Council. Certification of compliance will be issued each 12 months, the Club will display this certificate in the main building. Council should issue this certificate to us; however, we should request it on each anniversary date if a new certificate has not been issued.

Sub-leasing the Property:

Bullli Football Club is not permitted to sub-lease any part of the facility as part of our lease agreement. However, there is a requirement in the lease that our Club does support other community groups where possible, for limited use of the ground. The lease specifically identifies schools, sporting and recreational clubs be supported in using the ground where the activity does not interfere with the Club's planned training and competition games.

In such circumstances, if appropriate, the Club would be able to charge a small fee for the use of the ground, to cover organising, set-up and cleaning costs if this was reasonable.

Internal Rules for Use of Balls Paddock:

Bulli Football Club has 9 registered teams playing, the use of the ground is for those teams. Scheduling of games needs to be co-ordinated with FSC Competition Coordinators.

Primary use of the ground is for games, some games will be scheduled at night where practical. Some training will be allowed on the ground, subject to the condition of the playing surface. Competitions run between 5-7 months seasons and deterioration of the playing surface does occur and safety implications for players need to be considered.

Use of the ground for selected games for Bulli Junior Football Club will be permitted subject to senior club games scheduling, and weather conditions. The same will apply to local School games and organisations like the Referee Association that might request to use the ground. Where possible, the club will support other organisations in the use of the ground. Each request to use the ground will be reviewed by the Executive and judged on its merits. The club is committed to supporting our local community, especially charity events that help the broader community.

The use of the ground for the Balls Paddock Children Centre children is approved. Events like the charity Walk for Cancer, the children's Colour Run event, and general play group activities will access the ground on occasions. These events will always be planned around any ground maintenance activities or other work that might be planned at the facility. The safety of the children and staff must always be prioritised. Co-ordination of these events will be managed through the Executive management team.

The ground is not marketed as an Event Venue for hire to the public for engagement parties, 18th and 21st birthday parties. The ground and facilities are for the use of our members and all usage must be approved by the Board. Usage will always consider and respect our neighbours. If the facility was approved to be used by one of our members for a private function, they will be responsible for any costs associated with set-up and cleaning after the event (ie. Birthday party for a child with jumping castle on ground).

Use of Lights:

Lights are erected at Balls Paddock and comply to the required lux levels required under FSC and FNSW for training and competition games.

Use of the ground at night requires that training and games are completed, and lights turned off before 10.00pm. Where practical, the earlier the lights are turned off, the better.

Parking at Balls Paddock:

Parking inside the facility is limited and is shared with pedestrian traffic. Speed limit of 5km per hour is set inside the carpark. Speed limit and safety signs will be displayed.

Parking in the streets around the facility is available, however, certain areas are no parking and signage is erected. Individuals parking in the streets are required to comply to the law. The club accepts no responsibility for vehicles that are illegally parked.

All visitors and members of our club are expected to abide by the law and be respectful to the residents when parking in the neighbourhood. The Police will be notified of any illegal behaviour.

Alcohol Consumption at Balls Paddock:

The area is not an alcohol-free zone, however, is subject to Wollongong City Council rules and regulations and the Local Area Liquor Accord.

Bulli Football Club does have a Limited Liquor License in place for club game days, this is subject to the Liquor Licensing Police approval each season and is governed by compliance to the Liquor Act 2008.