

Provision of Sports Ground Lighting

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1. TITLE

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2. OBJECTIVE

The objective of this policy is to:

- provide for the installation, maintenance and upgrade of sports ground lighting infrastructure;
- provide a consistent and transparent approach to requests for increased lux levels for the purpose of night competition for football (all codes);
- outline the funding and requirements for maintenance of lighting upgrades;
- maximise the use of sports grounds with consideration of ground conditions and impact on surrounding amenity;
- support the shared use of sports grounds by providing sports ground lighting for community use; and
- meet relevant Australian Standards in sports ground lighting provision.

3. SCOPE

This policy applies to sports grounds used for football codes managed under Council's seasonal allocation process. It does not apply to facilities managed under a lease or license agreement.

4. DEFINITIONS

Term	Meaning
Lux	The total amount of visible light illuminating a point on a surface from all directions above the surface.

5. POLICY

5.1 *Provision of sports ground lighting infrastructure*

- Council is responsible for funding the installation and upgrade of sports ground lighting infrastructure up to 50 lux. This includes light poles, fittings, conduits and switchboards.
- Installation and upgrades will consider energy efficient lighting options such as installing LED globes/fittings.
- Council will install and upgrade lighting infrastructure up to 50 lux in accordance with Council's asset management priorities and budget allocation.

5.2 *Sports ground lighting maintenance*

- Council is responsible for the maintenance of sports ground lighting, including the

replacement of globes.

- Council will undertake an assessment audit of all lighting in preparation for the winter season.
- Clubs based at any grounds that feature floodlighting above 50 lux (e.g. 100 or 150 lux) will pay a higher premium each season to cover maintenance costs.
- Tenant sporting clubs must report lighting maintenance needs to Council's Sports Liaison Officer.
- Clubs are charged a seasonal fee to cover maintenance costs and to support the continuing improvements in lighting.

5.3 Lux levels

- Council provides lighting levels of an average of 50 lux; the minimum Australian Standard for football training purposes.
- Council will regularly monitor lux level readings for uniformity. The readings will inform maintenance requirements under Council's rolling maintenance budget.
- Sporting clubs can seek approval from Council to upgrade lux levels beyond 50 lux to allow for night competition at their cost and are required to make a formal request to Council in accordance with Council's Guidelines to Upgrade Sportsground Lighting.
- Requests must include evidence of the club's ability to fund the difference in cost of a 50 lux upgrade and the requested lux level (i.e. 100 lux, 150 lux). This may include evidence of any external funding streams.
- As part of their request, sports clubs may present alternative upgrade options for consideration – e.g. installation of additional poles to match existing ones.
- Where sporting clubs have successfully advocated for external funding for lighting upgrades above 50 lux, the clubs are responsible for any costs over and above the committed funding amount.

5.4 Night competition and training

- Council will consider the impact on the amenity of neighbouring properties, including the effects of light spill, game noise, traffic and parking.
- The following restrictions apply to night competition and training:
 - games and training must conclude by 9:00pm, and sportsground lighting must be turned off by 9:30pm; and
 - any night games must feature or be hosted by a Glen Eira club, though other requests will be assessed and may be approved at Council's discretion.
- Clubs must seek approval from Council's Sports Liaison Officer prior to hosting night games.
- Clubs must submit a written request to Council for allocations outside the above stated restrictions.
- Clubs must adhere to the Licensed Sports Club Allocation and Charging Policy and the Sporting Clubs Conditions of Use – Sports grounds and Pavilions at all times. Clubs that breach the conditions within these documents may be refused future allocations, including approval to host night games.

5.5 Sports Ground Conditions

- In some circumstances, the use of a sports ground for night competition may need to be reduced or limited in order to protect playing surfaces or accommodate works such as the installation of warm season grasses, irrigation or drainage. Council will advise clubs/associations as per the 'Sporting Clubs: Conditions of Use Sportsground and Pavilions'.

5.6 Sports Ground Lighting for Community Use

- Council will provide sports ground lighting at nominated locations during non-daylight savings periods for community use.
- officers will select locations annually with consideration of sporting club allocations and ground conditions.

6. HUMAN RIGHTS CHARTER COMPATIBILITY

This Policy has been assessed as being compatible with the *Charter of Human Rights and Responsibilities Act 2006 (Vic)*.

7. ASSOCIATED INTERNAL DOCUMENTS

Licensed Sports Club Allocation and Charging Policy

Sporting Clubs Conditions of Use – Sports grounds and Pavilions

Council's Application to Upgrade Sportsground Lighting

Council's Guidelines to Upgrade Sportsground Lighting

8. EXTERNAL REFERENCES/RESOURCES

Australian Standard 2560.2.3–2007 – Sports Lighting part 2.3: Specific applications – Lighting for football (all codes).

Australian Standard 4282:2019 – Control of obtrusive effects of outdoor lighting.