

# Field Guidelines for Nanaimo Youth Soccer Club Teams 2009/2010

Nanaimo soccer players are very fortunate that we are able to play outdoor soccer the year round. We do not however have a monopoly on all the fields in the Greater Nanaimo area throughout the year. We have to share with a variety of other user groups including: Softball/Baseball, Football, Field Lacrosse, Ultimate Frisbee, etc.. Many of our School and City fields are multi-use with ball diamonds on one or more of the fields' corners. Traditionally, these fields are used primarily for soccer in the fall, winter, and early spring, and the goal posts are removed for baseball use through late spring, and summer.

As far as field choices, our soccer year can be divided into four distinct periods:

Date Range	Summary of Practice Fields Available for Soccer	
August 31 <sup>st</sup> – Sept. 5 <sup>th</sup> , 2009	First Week of September is Transition Period as City and SD#68 convert fields from baseball to soccer, and SD#68 accepts/reviews applications from all its user groups.	
Sept.6 <sup>th</sup> – Oct.10 <sup>th</sup> ,2009	Early Part of Soccer Season – fields are plentiful, and daylight still useable. Note however that lit fields are not available, as they are prepped and protected for their pending heavy use over the winter. Game grass fields are also excluded because of their heavy use on the weekends – they are protected as much as possible to ensure they last throughout the season.	Merle Logan booked right thru these periods
Oct.11 <sup>th</sup> ,2009 – March 28 <sup>st</sup> ,2010	Darkness arrives early in the day, and practices are restricted to lit fields and/or gyms.	
April 1 <sup>st</sup> – Aug.31 <sup>st</sup> ,2010	Baseball Season arrives and soccer is restricted to select fields.	

This document reviews each of the periods outlined in the table above, and details for NYSC coaches/managers what their options are for each period and how one secures their practice fields.

## **August 31 – September 5, 2009**

These first days of September are a transition period, as City and School District fields turn back into soccer fields, with goal posts put back in place. Metro and Select (formerly Rep.) teams are practicing already, while Pony and Club (formerly House) Teams are being formed and equipment distributed. Teams seeking practice fields during this period can email [fields@nanaimosoccer.ca](mailto:fields@nanaimosoccer.ca) with their requests and will be booked on a first come first serve basis.

Fields Available for Soccer Practice at this Time	
City Fields	Merle Logan, Bowen West, May Bennett, and Harry Wipper
SD#68 Fields	Pleasant Valley Elementary

NYSC Pony, Club, and Select teams are not charged for their field bookings at this time. Practice field costs are included in player registration.

Metro and Adult teams/groups are charged for their field bookings and will be billed monthly – see field user rates at end of document.

## Merle Logan Turf Field Booking for September 7, 2009–March 28, 2010

Merle Logan is Nanaimo’s only artificial turf field, and as such is in heavy demand throughout the year, and particularly during our soccer season.

The following are restrictions surrounding booking Merle Logan Field for practice sessions:

- Adult groups have rights to the turf every night between 8:30-10:00PM
- Local District Development Centre (DDC) has the turf booked Monday nights from 5:30 – 8:30PM.
- Friday Nights: League game(s) will be scheduled until 7:30PM, Sat. Nights Nanaimo United Men 7:30
- Most practice sessions will be booked in one and a half hour blocks
- No Grandfathering of turf times, year over year
- Priority for turf practice bookings is given to older teams, eg. U18, followed by U17, U16,...
- Teams can only book one practice session per week on the turf between September and March

This season, to provide more teams with an opportunity to practice on the turf, we shall increase the density of players on the turf and schedule the teams in the following manner on the Tuesday, Wednesday, Thursday evenings:

Turf Field Practice Time Bookings Tuesday, Wednesday, Thursday Nights

	4:00	4:30	5:00	5:30	6:00	6:30	7:00	7:30	8:00	8:30
Team 1	4:00-5:00 half turf									
Team 2	4:00-5:30 half turf first & last 1/2hr									
Team 3		4:30-6:00 half turf last half hour								
Team 4			5:00-6:30 half turf last half hour							
Team 5				5:30-7:00 half turf last half hour						
Team 6					6:00-7:30 half turf last hour					
Team 7							7:00-8:30 half turf last hour			
Team 8							7:00-8:30 half turf last hour			

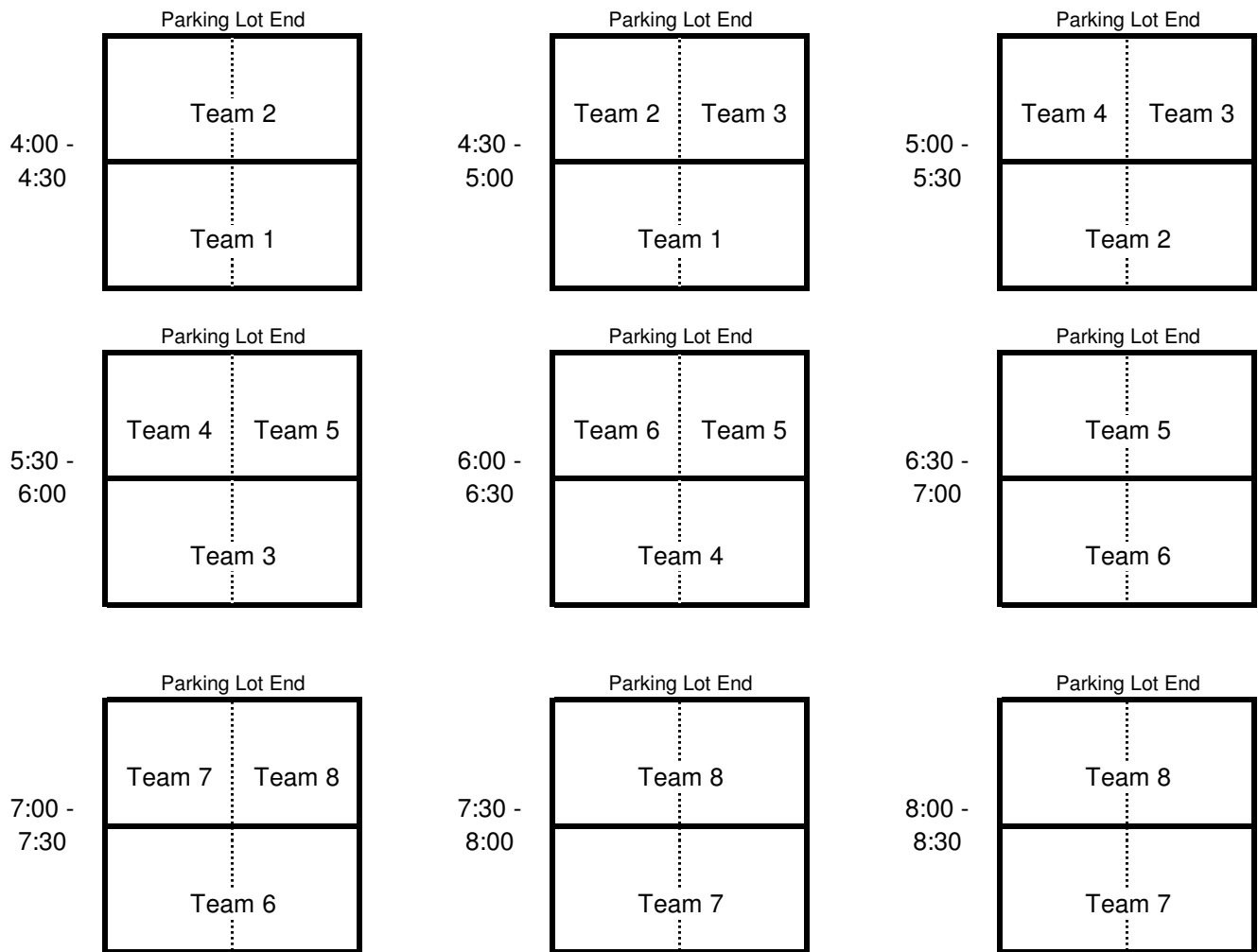
This scheduling means that most teams will share a half of the turf field for an hour of their session (one quarter of the turf field), and have a whole half for the final 30 minutes of their session – please see rotation pattern on next page. This is based on the premise that most teams warm up for the first half hour, practice a technical/tactical skill for half an hour and scrimmage for the final half hour. We believe the warm up/technical/tactical portion can be performed on a quarter of the turf field, and have witnessed it last season. Although not ideal, and the juggling of the space will require co-operation from the coaches, we believe the extra opportunities on the turf will outweigh the inconvenience. Fortunately the Nanaimo and District Youth Soccer Association (NDYSA) and the City are working hard to bring a second turf field to Nanaimo by 2010.

**Please note:** NYSC Field Committee is accepting Turf Field Application Requests for Sept.7<sup>th</sup>, 2009 to March 28, 2008 via email to [fields@nanaimosoccer.ca](mailto:fields@nanaimosoccer.ca) .

**Applications will be accepted between Aug. 28<sup>th</sup> to Sept. 4<sup>th</sup>, 2009.** All applicants will be notified of their status by Sunday Sept. 6<sup>th</sup>. The applications are being accepted up to this date to provide an opportunity for late forming club teams.

With your email applications please use the following form. You may need to scan it and then email to [fields@nanaimosoccer.ca](mailto:fields@nanaimosoccer.ca)

## Merle Logan Turf Rotation Tuesday - Thursday Nights



NYSC Pony, Club, and Select teams are not charged for their turf field bookings until lit field season Oct. 12<sup>th</sup> – March 28<sup>st</sup>.

Metro and Adult teams/groups are charged for their field bookings and will be billed monthly – see field user rates at end of document.

## September 7 – October 12, 2009 \*\*

During this period teams are encouraged to book a suitable nearby school field for practices. Once again fields are booked by emailing your request to [fields@nanaimosoccer.ca](mailto:fields@nanaimosoccer.ca) . **Requests will be accepted from September 1<sup>st</sup> onwards.**

Fields Available for Soccer Practice at this Time	
City Fields	Merle Logan, Bowen West, May Bennett, Robins Park (Soccer Field) and Harry Wipper
SD#68 Fields	Bayview Elementary, Brechin Elementary, Chase River Elementary, Cilaire Elementary, Cinnabar Valley Elementary, Coal Tyee Elementary, Departure Bay Elementary, Forest Park Elementary, Frank J. Ney Elementary, Hammond Bay Elementary, McGirr Elementary, Mountain View Elementary, Mount Benson Elementary, Park Avenue Community School, Pleasant Valley Elementary, Quarterway Elementary, Randerson Ridge Elementary, Rock City Elementary, Rutherford Elementary, Seaview Elementary, Uplands Park Elementary, Dover Bay Secondary, Wellington Secondary, and Woodlands Secondary.
Harewood Community School Fields and Gyms	Fairview Community School, Georgia Avenue Community School, NDSS. These schools book their own fields and gyms. Please contact them directly. <a href="http://schools.sd68.bc.ca/hfcs/">http://schools.sd68.bc.ca/hfcs/</a>

**\*\* Note:** Daylight Savings ends this year on November 2<sup>th</sup>, and those younger teams that practice earlier in the evening – up until 6:30PM, and are considering practicing in the gym through the winter, may book these fields up until November 2, 2008.

NYSC Pony, Club, and Select teams are not charged for their field bookings at this time. Practice field costs are included in player registration.

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School Gym bookings are not handled by the NYSC field's coordinator. All gym bookings are handled by corresponding directly with Janette Mayea – SD#68 Facilities Rental Coordinator. Janette can be reached by email at [jmayea@sd68.bc.ca](mailto:jmayea@sd68.bc.ca) or by phone 741-5241.

**Field conditions will be updated on the club website ([www.nanaimosoccer.ca](http://www.nanaimosoccer.ca)) each Saturday morning by 8:00am. Please check to ensure your field is open.**

**October 12<sup>th</sup>, 2009 – March 28<sup>st</sup>, 2010**

**This is the lit field practice period.**

	Fields Available for Soccer Practice at this Time
City Fields	Merle Logan, Comox Park, Departure Bay Centennial Park, Deverill Park, Harewood Park (Big and Small Fields), Mansfield Park, Pleasant Valley Park.
SD#68 Fields	Pleasant Valley Elementary

This season, NYSC would like to take a more equitable approach to allocating lit fields and is abolishing the grandfather rule of the past.

Those teams seeking lit practice fields can submit their request via email to [fields@nanaimosoccer.ca](mailto:fields@nanaimosoccer.ca).

**Applications for lit fields will be accepted starting Sept. 7<sup>th</sup> and will close on Sept. 18<sup>th</sup>.** At that time the NYSC fields committee will assign lit field practice times, based on the following criteria:

- Coaches availability
- Coaches preferred time and field
- Youth teams have priority on early times, and senior teams later times
- Teams who play league games on Sunday, have priority for Tues/Thurs practice schedule
- Teams who play league games on Saturday, have priority for Monday/Wednesday practice schedule
- Senior Teams have priority on larger fields: Harewood Big and Small / Pleasant Valley Park/ Robins Practice Area
- Youth Teams have priority on smaller fields: Pleasant Valley School / Departure Bay / Mansfield

It's believed, that if the coaches consider the criteria when completing their application, we should have a fairly high success rate.

**Pleasant Valley Fields**

<b>Trees</b>	<b>Mobile Park</b>		
<b>P.Valley Park</b>	<b>P.V. Elem #1</b>	<b>P.V. Elem #2</b>	<b>Pleasant Valley Elementary</b>
	<b>P.V. Elem #3</b>	<b>P.V. Elem #4</b>	
<b>P.Valley Hall</b>			

Please note: Majority of Lit Fields are booked for either **5:00-6:30PM**, or **6:30-8:00PM** time slot. Monday and Friday nights are less popular than Tues.-Thurs., so odds are greater if requesting one of those nights.

Successful applicants will be notified of their lit field venue and time by **Oct. 4<sup>th</sup>, 2009**.

All teams will be charged for their lit field bookings. NYSC teams booking one lit practice time per week will be charged **\$150** for Oct.12<sup>th</sup>-Mar28<sup>st</sup>. NYSC teams booking two lit practice times per week will be charged **\$300**. These fees are due up front prior to first lit field practice.

Metro and Adult teams/groups are charged for their field bookings and will be billed monthly – see field user rates at end of document.

## April 1st, 2010 – August 31<sup>st</sup>, 2010

Baseball season returns and field choices for soccer become more limited.

	Fields Available for Soccer Practice at this Time
City Fields	Merle Logan, Caledonia, Bowen West
SD#68 Fields	Woodlands/Wellington Upper

Island Cup Competitors, Provincial bound teams, Select and Metro Tryouts, Spring Soccer, Super Y teams, and various Adult Groups share the few soccer fields listed above.

As always field requests are made by emailing [fields@nanaimosoccer.ca](mailto:fields@nanaimosoccer.ca) . NYSC covers the field costs for its Island Cup and Provincial Cup Competitors, up until their competition, and to a maximum of two practices per week.

All other parties booking fields at this time will be billed monthly, again see field user rates at the end of the document.

### Field User Rates

This next table indicates the costs for various City field rentals – please note: these fields are booked for practices or exhibition games year round via email to [fields@nanaimosoccer.ca](mailto:fields@nanaimosoccer.ca) and are booked in half hour increments.

	City “A” Fields	City “B” Fields	City “C” Fields	Turf Field
User Group	Beban Park, Caledonia Park, Elaine Hamilton (Trofton) Park, Harewood Centennial “Big” Field, May Richards Pioneer Park, and Robins Park, Serauxmen Sports Fields,	Bowen West Park, Departure Bay Centennial Park, Harewood Centennial “Small” Field, Mansfield Park, Pleasant Valley Park, Robins Practice Area, and Harry Wipper Park	Comox Park, Deverill (Haliburton) Park	Merle Logan
Youth	\$3.00 / hr	\$1.75 / hr	\$1.25 / hr	\$3.00 / hr
Adult	\$21.00/hr	\$10.50/hr	\$7.25/hr	\$21.00/hr

All Lighting charges between September and March are \$5.00 / hour, and \$10.00/ hour April thru August.

\*\*\* Very Important: Any Groups leaving lights on or not properly securing facilities will be charged a \$130. call out fee! \*\*\*

Likewise SD#68 Fields for training/exhibition games are also booked by emailing [fields@nanaimosoccer.ca](mailto:fields@nanaimosoccer.ca) – they are currently booked for \$2.00 per session.

**The following information is an excerpt from City of Nanaimo Guidelines:**

**“CITY OF NANAIMO - DEPARTMENT OF PARKS, RECREATION AND CULTURE  
GUIDELINES FOR PLAY FIELD USE – FALL AND WINTER”**

1. Field Bookings - All field requests are to be made through your organization’s designated field booking coordinator. Fields are not to be used unless they have been previously booked.
2. Field Houses - Field houses are available at some locations. Users are responsible to unlock and lock field houses as needed. Please contact the allocation clerk to obtain a key. Field houses are to be left clean, heat turned down, lights off and locked immediately after your use. Users will be charged a \$120.00 fee if department staff are called out to complete these functions. NOTE – Keys are not required at Harry Wipper Park where an automatic locking system is in place.
3. Alcohol - No liquor is allowed in any park unless there has been an approved permit for a beer garden. Applications are accepted for May Bennett Pioneer and Trofton Parks only. Call Bob Kuhn at 756-5200 for more information.
4. Vehicles - **Vehicles are not permitted on the fields nor are they permitted to be parked for extended periods of time in emergency vehicle access lanes.**
5. Keys - A \$50.00 deposit is required for keys. All keys are to be returned at the end of the season or you will forfeit your key deposit.
6. Caledonia Park - The vehicle gates to the park are to be kept locked at all times. Only emergency and service vehicles are permitted inside the gates during the course of your event. The area inside the gates is not to be used for the parking of cars. Participant and spectator parking is available at the Curling Rink and Bowen East parking lots.
7. Pleasant Valley Field - Groups using Pleasant Valley Field are asked to respect the Pleasant Valley Social Centre parking regulations as posted in the parking lot. Parking is also available at the Pleasant Valley School on Dunbar Road.”

## CITY OF NANAIMO

### DEPARTMENT OF PARKS, RECREATION AND CULTURE

#### POLICY FOR FALL AND WINTER PLAY FIELD USE

All contracted field use is conditional on the field user evaluating and inspecting field conditions prior to each use. Fields that do not meet appropriate playing conditions are not to be used. If use of a field in adverse conditions results in damage beyond normal wear and tear, the field user may be charged the full cost to repair the field.

Field inspections by the field users should include checking for the following:

- Standing water on field
- Snow pack
- Frozen field conditions
- Ongoing field repair
- Forecasted severe weather warnings
- Other unsafe playing conditions

If any of these conditions occur, sports fields should not be used. Field inspection training is provided by the Department of Parks, Recreation and Culture and it is strongly recommended that all coaches and officials participate in this training. Training will be set up on request.

In some cases field damage will result in short or long term field closures which are costly to repair and very disruptive to league play. The intention of this field closure policy is to avoid these field closures thereby averting unbudgeted field maintenance and allowing year round field use. It is to the benefit of all field users that they adhere to this policy.

Fields are inspected every week by qualified City grounds staff. Occasionally fields may be closed by the City. Users will be notified if this occurs.

Please report any field condition concerns to the Department of Parks, Recreation and Culture at 756-5200.