



Joint Use News

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Why Did They Send This to Me?

Wondering why you got this newsletter? You either use or operate a facility under the Joint Use Agreement! You are one of the following:

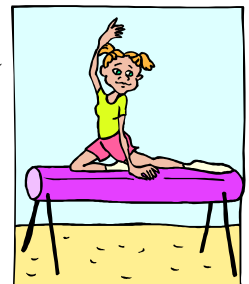
- A contact person for a group/organization booking space in an Edmonton Public, Catholic or Francophone school.
- A contact person for a group/organization booking a sport field on a school or park site.
- A school principal – who may book space in City of Edmonton facilities for your students, and may provide your gymnasium for community use.
- A City of Edmonton facility operator (pool manager, sport field team leader, arena operator).
- A member or alternate of one of the Joint Use Committees.

Update on Soccer Practice

Consistent with other city-wide user groups, the Edmonton Minor Soccer Association is going to coordinate all gym bookings for practices for their indoor teams for 2003/2004. The booking clerks for Edmonton Public, Edmonton Catholic, and Edmonton Francophone Schools will accept booking requests only from the zone coordinators identified by EMSA. If you have any questions, please contact EMSA at 413-0140 or 413 - 0663.

Standards of Play for Gymnasiums

The School and Recreation Facilities Committee has been hard at work on revisions to Standards of Play as a result of appeals received. A significant change has been made, which recognizes the importance of practice for sport. Practice will be incorporated as part of the Standard for sport for the 2003/2004 season.



COOPERATING FOR EDMONTON

New Names and Faces

Significant change continues with the Joint Use Steering Committee. Tim McCargar stepped into the big shoes of Doug Costigan of Community Services in January. Mike Pieters will replace the irreplaceable Garnet McKee in June as he moves toward his retirement from Edmonton Catholic Schools. Also retiring in June (with a replacement yet to be named) is George Witt from Community Services. Changes continue on the sub-committees as well. We say a hearty THANKS AND FAREWELL to Joanne Guenette, Donna Haggstrom, Vernon Schmid, Ron Stauffer, and Dean Zingle. And an enthusiastic welcome to Ron Allen, Reta Boechler, Trent Bronson, Frank Kense, Calvin Li, Jim Matt, Art Mattuli, Brian McCosh, Dan O'Neill, and Paul Shelley.

(Sincere apologies to anyone I may have failed to mention.)

Sports Field Users

Well what do you know – no drought! The Sports Field Team is looking forward to the possibility of green grass this year.

By the time this newsletter arrives your season will be underway. Please remember to respect the rain-out guidelines to preserve the fields for your continued use.

Protect yourself from West Nile Virus. Wear long sleeved shirts and pants, and use a mosquito repellent with DEET.

Preparation of a long-term Sport Field Strategy is underway at Community Services. For additional information contact Brad Badger at 496-4919 or Dave Linman at 496-4891.



Fall Booking Requests

Principals:

Watch your mail for a package from Community Services in May. It has all the information you need to book arenas, sportsfields, picnic sites and tennis courts for the next school year.

Swimming pool bookings are required by May 31, 2003. If you haven't received your booking package, contact the manager of your local leisure centre. (Listed in the City of Edmonton Blue Pages under Swimming Pools).

MEET THE MAY 31 BOOKING DEADLINE!

If you book late, you will be charged for lifeguard costs unless you also book a program or share the pool with another group.



NEW THIS YEAR: If you request a pool booking after December 31, 2003, you will be subject to 2004 rates.

Gymnasium Users

Requests for gymnasium bookings for 2003/2004 will be due June 15, 2003.

If you had a booking last year, you will receive a booking package in the mail.

New users can request a package by calling 496-4999. (Community soccer coordinators and coaches, note the item

“Update on Soccer Practice”)



Access Review

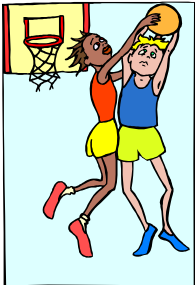
In 2002, the Joint Use Steering Committee initiated a review of access to facilities under the Joint Use Agreement. Recommendations were approved in January 2003 and action plans are being developed to implement the following:

⇒ Sports alternative programs such as hockey schools operating in conjunction with local school authorities, will continue to have access to City facilities under Joint Use, but will be charged for services. The hockey schools have a significantly higher impact on the ice surface, necessitating more frequent flooding.



⇒ Standards will be developed for access to schools. The purpose of this recommendation is to more fairly spread gym use across school districts. Some schools currently provide significantly more hours than others do.

⇒ School districts will determine priorities for school group access to City facilities. An example of when this would come into play is when a physical education class and a hockey school both want access to the same arena at the same time.



⇒ Elementary schools will be able to designate 4:00 p.m. to 6:00 p.m. as Joint Use time if they wish. This would allow for operation of community operated not-for-profit after-school programs



⇒ High school football will continue to be granted free access to Class B sports fields after 6:00 p.m., even though it is outside the timeframe of Joint Use. They will continue to be charged for services associated with use. (e.g. lights, snow removal)



⇒ Christian schools that are part of the Edmonton Public School District and Francophone schools will be brought fully in line with procedures and practices for booking of Public and Catholic schools.

⇒ Guidelines for school use of City facilities, and guidelines for City and community use of school facilities, will be reviewed on an annual basis.

Joint Use News is published by the Joint Use Agreement Steering Committee and circulated to the three partners and all user groups of joint use school and city recreation facilities.

The Joint Use Agreement (JUA) is a legal agreement of the City of Edmonton, Edmonton Public Schools and Edmonton Catholic Schools that makes schools available to community groups in after-school hours and arenas, pools and other City facilities available to school children during school hours. The agreement also clarifies how the parties work together to design, build and maintain school and park sites.

The work of the JUA is managed by the Steering Committee and carried out by three sub-committees composed of volunteers and staff from community groups and staff of the three partners.

PRINCIPLES OF THE JOINT USE AGREEMENT

The Joint Use Agreement is guided by the following principles:

SHARED USE That school sites and recreation sites, facilities and resources be shared.

COOPERATIVE PLANNING That school sites and parks and recreation sites, and facilities be co-operatively planned.

CONSULTATION That the parties to the Agreement undertake ongoing consultation with User Groups during the lifetime of the Agreement.

EFFICIENCY AND EFFECTIVENESS That the resources of the three parties and User Groups be efficiently used and extended for the maximum benefit of the community.

SHARED COST That costs associated with the Agreement be fairly shared among the three parties to the Agreement. User groups may have to participate in basic operating costs of facilities, and will be offered the opportunity to purchase or supply enhanced levels of service and to participate in capital improvements.

EQUAL PARTNERSHIP That there be an equal partnership among the three parties to the Agreement.

RESERVE DEDICATION That all reserve land and funds generated in lieu of reserve land be used solely for the purposes of school sites, and parks and recreation sites.