

# Merkel Sports Field Allocation Guidelines as approved by the Park Board – April, 2010

## Approved Dwight Merkel Sports Complex Athletic Field Policies:

### 1. Field Allocation Priorities:

- a. All SPRD recreational programs take precedence on Merkel Sports Complex locations. These programs will primarily be general adult recreation sport programs and niche adult or youth recreational sports programs. Niche programs are programs that are not currently or historically offered in the community and it is the intention of SPRD to fill these programming voids when applicable.
  - b. In accordance with established joint facility usage agreements with the Spokane Public Schools, school programs may supersede other organizations' facility requests on many fields.
  - c. USER GROUP with *past historical use* follows in priority and in order of priorities listed in items d. through h. below. New USER GROUP'S requests will be dealt with on an individual basis.
  - d. Recreational youth athletic programs –no participants get “cut”
  - e. Adult recreation athletic programs--no participants get “cut”
  - f. Select youth athletic programs—participation is by invitation or through a ‘try-out’ process.
  - g. Select adult athletic programs—participation is by invitation or through a ‘try-out’ process
  - h. Independent, sponsored youth or adult athletic programs.
2. Field use requests associated with an athletic activity other than the designated **primary use** of that particular field will be considered based upon field availability.

### **Primary Uses:**

#### *Ball Fields 1-5:*

1. Adult Softball
2. Youth/high-School Softball
3. Youth Baseball

#### *Field 6: (under construction)*

1. Youth baseball

#### *Eight (8) soccer fields*

1. Youth Soccer
2. Youth Football
3. Adult soccer, Lacrosse, Rugby
4. Other approved recreational sports

3. SPRD has sole discretion to assign and schedule all fields and shall have the authority to approve or deny specific requests as well as reassign fields due to extenuating circumstances.
4. USER GROUPS must meet requirements as outlined within this document.
5. SPRD will allocate the majority of fields to user groups that offer the broadest opportunity for participation to the citizens of Spokane.
6. Number of field units assigned to USER GROUPS will be based on:
  - a. Priority outline
  - b. Number of participants within user groups
  - c. Total number of requests received,
  - d. Field availability.