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Access to sportsgrounds for pre-season training is not guaranteed, however Council will consider access for pre-season training based on the below table. Approval for all preseason requests will be subject to ground availability, ground condition and any restoration or preparation works that are required at grounds between seasons.

Council's Recreation team will notify clubs when applications open for preseason training through the casual booking process. Access to sportsgrounds for practice matches is not guaranteed and is granted at Council's absolute discretion.

During the winter pre-season period, winter clubs are not permitted to train on turf centre wicket areas.

Preseason Training Conditions of Use

- Shoes with studs, blades or cleats are not allowed. Participants must only use flat-soled shoes i.e. runners or cross trainers
- Limit the use of the goals squares/goal mouths
- Clubs must stay off newly laid turf areas
- No training on or around synthetic or turf wicket tables
- Use of pavilions is not permitted, toilets may be used
- Council reserves the right to make changes to preseason allocations as required
- Use of flood lights permitted with permission from current seasonal tenant

All booking requests are assessed on case-by-case basis. Use of synthetic soccer pitches is charged on an hourly rate as per Council's Pricing Policy. Use of turf sportsgrounds in December is charged as per Council's Pricing Policy.



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Soccer

	Pre-season use	Programs/ Comps/ Clinics/ Trials	Synthetic grounds	Turf grounds	Details
October	X	✓	✓	X	Availability subject to synthetic ground maintenance program
November	✓ NPL/VPL teams only	✓	✓	X	NPL/VPL pre-season training available on synthetic pitches
December	✓ NPL/VPL/Seniors teams only	✓	✓	✓ Limited number of turf grounds	NPL/VPL/Senior pre-season training available on synthetic pitches and a limited number of turf venues. Priority given to summer sports for turf ground use. Availability subject to sportsground maintenance program.
January	✓ All teams	✓	✓	✓	Priority given to summer sports for turf ground use. Availability subject to sportsground maintenance program.
February	✓ All teams	✓	✓	✓	Priority given to summer sports for turf ground use. Availability subject to sportsground maintenance program.
March	✓ All teams	✓	✓	✓	Priority given to summer sports for turf ground use. Availability subject to sportsground maintenance program.

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Football (Australian Rules)

	Pre-season use	Programs/ Comps/ Clinics/ Trials	Synthetic grounds	Turf grounds	Details
	X	✓	✓	X	Availability subject to synthetic ground maintenance program.
November	X	✓	✓	X	Availability subject to synthetic ground maintenance program.
December	✓ Seniors teams only	✓	✓	✓ Limited number of turf grounds	Senior pre-season training available on synthetic pitches and a limited number of turf venues. Priority given to summer sports for turf ground use. Availability subject to sportsground maintenance program.
January	✓ All teams	✓	✓	✓	Priority given to summer sports for turf ground use. Availability subject to sportsground maintenance program.
February	✓ All teams	✓	✓	✓	Priority given to summer sports for turf ground use. Availability subject to sportsground maintenance program.
March	✓ All teams	✓	✓	✓	Priority given to summer sports for turf ground use. Availability subject to sportsground maintenance program.

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Cricket

	Pre-season use	Programs/ Comps/ Clinics/ Trials	Synthetic nets	Turf nets	Sportsground access	Details
April	X	✓	✓	X	X	
May	X	✓	✓	X	X	
June	X	✓	✓	X	X	
July	✓ Senior teams only	✓	✓	X	✓	Priority given to summer sports for turf ground use. Availability subject to sportsground maintenance program.
August	✓ All teams	✓	✓	X	✓	Priority given to summer sports for turf ground use. Availability subject to sportsground maintenance program.
September	✓ All teams	✓	✓	X	✓	Priority given to summer sports for turf ground use. Availability subject to sportsground maintenance program.

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