

Andree Vajda Janyk Sports Field Operational Guidelines and Specifications

The purpose of this document is to provide:

- procedural guidance on the operation of the Andree Vajda Janyk (artificial turf) Sports Field at Bayly Park.
- Sports field specifications

Turf and infield maintenance information is located in the AstroTurf Maintenance Manual.

Reference Documents:

[*AstroTurf Maintenance Manual*](#)

1. OPERATING SEASON

General operating season dates will target April 1 to November 30 although actual year to year dates may vary based upon snow cover and available staff and equipment resources.

- a. Freeze thaw cycles can also make the surface hard and unsafe.
- b. Like our grass fields, the municipality will make efforts to open the AVJ field as early as reasonably possible.
- c. Field grooming and inspection is required prior to opening.

2. SNOW CLEARING AND REMOVAL

Snow clearing has the potential to damage the turf surface and invalidate the turf's warranty, as well as disperse the infill product below necessary safety levels.

- a. Under no circumstances are users (Clubs, Associations, general public, etc.) permitted to snow clear any portion of the field.
- b. The RMOW will not remove snow from the field unless under exceptional circumstances.
 - i. Under exceptional circumstances, the RMOW may remove snow from the field leaving a minimum 5cm of snow cover. The intent of this is to accelerate melt out, rather than clear the snow to the turf surface.
 - ii. Note that at this time equipment modification is required to keep blade/blower off of the field.

3. FIELD SECURITY

- a. During operating season
 - i. All pedestrian access gates unlocked 24/7.
 - ii. All service gates locked 24/7.
- b. During seasonal closure December 1 to March 31
 - i. All gates locked.
 - ii. "Closed for Season" signs installed

4. DAILY HOURS OF OPERATION

- a. 0800 to 2200 hours as required. This is consistent with Spruce Grove diamonds. See also lighting section below.
- b. Pedestrian access gates unlocked 24/7 during operating season



5. PERMITTED USES

- a. Soccer, football, rugby, Ultimate Frisbee and field hockey.
- b. While the facility is not a dedicated baseball facility, the corner closest to the HI Hostel building can be used for limited infield baseball/softball practice only.
 - i. The fences are not tall enough nor far enough away to safely protect the public or accommodate anything more than infield practice.
 - ii. Irresponsible use should result in revoked booking privileges.
 - iii. See field striping comments 8.b.iv below.
- c. See Section 7 for non-permitted uses.

6. PERMITTED USES WITH SPECIAL REQUIREMENTS

Generally discourage as use without applying special requirements (which are onerous) may invalidate warranty.

- a. Events and Gatherings
 - i. Generally not permitted unless meet AstroTurf's onerous field protection system requirements.

7. NON PERMITTED USES

- a. All uses other than those identified in Section 5 above.
- b. Specific prohibited uses include but are not limited to:
 - i. Vehicles
 - ii. Dogs and other pets
 - iii. Wheeled devices including bicycles, scooters and strollers
 - iv. Food, including gum or sunflower seeds
 - v. Smoking, alcohol, drugs
 - vi. Anything with spikes (shoes, starting blocks etc)
 - vii. Dragging or pushing of sports equipment or weights (bobsleds, towed weights or sleds)
 - viii. Golf
 - ix. Archery
 - x. Kite flying
 - xi. Fireworks
 - xii. Bonfires
 - xiii. Remote control devices
 - xiv. Stages and equipment
 - xv. Other activities and events as deemed inappropriate by the RMOW

8. FACILITY SPECIFICATIONS

- a. 70x110m artificial turf surface area
 - i. AstroTurf GTX 50mm with ProPlay 23D shockpad and Halo SP Green TPE/Sand infill
 - ii. FIFA 1 star; however the field has been built to a FIFA quality Pro Standard (2-star) but has not been tested to confirm 2-star status.
 - iii. Surface crown 1.5%
 1. The crown runs along the centre line of the long axis of the field, and slopes perpendicular to the centre line at 1.5% to each side. The end points of the centre line are the same elevation.



2. This slope is 0.5% greater than a typical ATF field in order to accommodate expected differential settlement as the field is located overtop of the former municipal landfill.
- b. Field is marked for:
 - i. White 64x100m soccer
 - ii. Blue 2 x 47x64m mini soccer with “retreat line” hash marks
 - iii. Yellow 53x100yd football sidelines and 10 yard hash marks only
 - iv. Yellow 60’ and 70’ baseball baselines and pitcher mound hash marks only. See also 5.b above.
 - c. 100% perimeter fencing
 - d. Illumination
 - i. 16x1500 watt LED luminaries distributed over four poles
 - ii. Average field lux 200
 - iii. See also lighting section below.
 - e. Players’ and Referee’s Shelters
 - i. KwikGoal.
 - f. Spectator Area
 - i. Along low portions of fence
 - ii. Bleachers potentially forthcoming
 - g. Washrooms
 - i. Public washrooms available in red building located at adjacent playground.
 - h. Change rooms
 - i. None
 - i. Drinking water
 - i. Available at facility’s entry plaza
 - j. Vehicle Parking
 - i. Gravel parking lot accessed off of Legacy Way opposite 1090 Legacy Way.
 - ii. Expanded in 2019 to a 75 vehicle capacity.
 - iii. Use currently shared with Whistler Sports Legacies. RMOW will monitor use patterns in 2020 and consider changes to parking lot and/or agreement with Whistler Sport Legacies.

9. POTENTIAL FUTURE FACILITIES

Space has been provided for a future artificial turf warm up area and a rubberized 100m sprint track. These are to be funded by external sources – the RMOW is not putting any effort into these elements at this time.

10. EXCLUSIVE USE AND RENTAL PROCEDURES

- a. Exclusive use of the facility requires a reservation and fee.
- b. Reservations are to be made via the existing field reservation procedures managed by the RMOW’s Outdoor Facility Coordinator at outdoorfacilities@whistler.ca 604-935-8565
- c. The Outdoor Facility Coordinator will post reservations on site.
- d. Reservations are not yet available to view, book or cancel online.

11. NON RESERVED TIMES

- a. When not reserved, the field is available to the general public for casual non-exclusive use of permitted uses as identified above.

- b. The public will be expected to leave the field at commencement of a reservation.
- c. Use for athlete training requires a reservation as per 10 above.

12. RENTAL PRIORITIES

Consistent with Council Policy I-06: *“All Parks and Recreation facilities are allocated according to the following priority unless otherwise indicated by any member of the Management Team on a case by case basis:*

- 1. *Resort Municipality of Whistler (Parks and Recreation) Programs*
- 2. *Local community, recreation, school or registered agency groups*
- 3. *Local commercial groups*
- 4. *Out-of-town groups”*

13. USER ALLOTMENT AGREEMENT

At this time the RMOW is not considering allotting hours to different user groups, but will evaluate facility use and demand over the initial seasons. A User Allotment Agreement may or may not be considered in the future.

14. LIGHTS

- a. Lights are pre-programmed based upon a booked reservation.
- b. Automatically master control will shut off lights at 2215 hours.
- c. No additional fees are required to use the lights.
- d. No discounted fees when not using the lights.

15. PARKING

- a. See section 8j above.

16. MANAGING NEIGHBOURHOOD DISRUPTION

- a. Scheduling with other events in Park or neighborhood
 - i. Give scheduling consideration with other large traffic events (BMX 2-3x/year, running races etc.)
- b. Evening noise
 - i. Not currently an issue
- c. Lighting
 - i. Not currently an issue

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