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# Active Reserves Facility Hierarchy

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# Active Reserves Facility Hierarchy

The Active Reserves Facility Hierarchy creates distinct facility provision categories based on a five level hierarchy system applied to Monash sport facilities. The key categories and/or classifications are:

1. Class A – Regional/Municipal Facilities
2. Class B – District Facilities
3. Class C – Local Facilities
4. Class D - Other
5. School – School Facilities

# Sports Ground Standards

In order to provide an integrated and coordinated service for sports ground and pavilion provision a classification system of four grading levels (Class A, B, C, D and school) has been developed to guide the level of sport facility provision and playing surface standards across the municipality. The classifications are consistent with Active Monash’s proposed *Fees and Charges Policy* and informed by:

* a recent review of Council’s strategies and policies;
* benchmarking against other local governments;
* consideration of relevant State Sporting Association facility standards; and
* an analysis of current community needs and recent pavilion redevelopment projects.

The classifications are directly linked to facility provision standards and sports ground maintenance service levels to deliver the service outcomes required. Regional / municipal facilities generally require a higher level of maintenance and may support features such as spectator areas, fencing, additional change rooms, event car parking etc. In comparison, local facilities require amenities and playing surfaces that are safe and fit-for-purpose.

There will be one, two or three levels within the hierarchy of provision for each sport. The main factor influencing the number of levels is the quality and scale of facilities required dependent of the number of participants. For example, sports such as Australian Rules Football (AFL) will typically have three levels within the hierarchy of provision to accommodate different standards of participation, whereas a sport such as baseball, which has a lower participation (e.g. compared with AFL), are more likely to have one or two levels within the hierarchy of provision.

The hierarchy levels and classifications will help guide future developments and infrastructure improvements.

**Note:** It is acknowledged that many existing facilities will not comply with the aspirational *Sports Ground Support Infrastructure Standards (Table 3)* for each sporting code according to its classification within the hierarchy of provision but these standards, where possible and feasible to do so, will be used to guide future infrastructure development.

Definitions

A variety of sports ground standards exist within the municipality. Sports grounds are classified so that a higher standard of ground (i.e. Class A) is charged at a higher rate than a ground of a lower classification (i.e. Class C). Sports facility classifications are as follows:

## 1.1 Regional/Municipal Facilities (Class A)

**Class A facilities** will principally attract people from within and outside of Monash, and will be built and maintained to a premier standard for that sport. They will cater for senior training and competition for teams in a high level including State-wide competition, and may have the capacity to host state/national standard matches/competitions. These venues serve the whole municipality and will provide the highest level sporting facility for a particular sporting code in Monash.

Class A venues tend to cater for premier level sport e.g. premier or district level (cricket), AFL U18 Championships (formerly Teal Cup), VFL, National Premier League (soccer). A limited number of facilities in Monash are required to meet the higher standard provision.

Examples of existing/proposed Class “A” sports grounds are:

* Central Reserve North & South, Glen Waverley
* Warrawee Park, Oakleigh
* Jack Edwards Reserve (Senior Pitch), Oakleigh
* Holmesglen Reserve, Ashwood

## 1.2 District Facilities (Class B)

**Class B facilities** will principally attract people from within Monash, and will cater for senior and junior training and competition and are normally the home ground facility for clubs. If required and pending availability, these clubs may also access local facilities (class C) in addition their home ground (class B) facility.

Class B facilities are the most commonly provided standard for sports grounds and generally cater to consistent demand by tenant clubs on a seasonal basis. They may also be used occasionally for sub-regional events. Class B facilities primarily cater for higher level senior sports e.g. sub-district (generally on turf wickets), Division 1 or A-B grade (AFL), National Premier League Division 1 (soccer).

Examples of existing/proposed Class “B” sports grounds are:

* WA Scammell Reserve, Oakleigh South (Note: Pavilion “A”)
* Mulgrave Reserve (East), Wheelers Hill
* Mount Waverley Reserve, Mt Waverley
* Meade (Clayton) Reserve, Clayton
* Pinewood Reserve, Mt Waverley
* Essex Heights Reserve, Ashwood
* Napier Park Reserve (North), Glen Waverley
* Gardiners Reserve (South Pitch), Burwood
* Scotchmans Run Reserve, Oakleigh East

## 1.3 Local Facilities (Class C)

**Class C facilities** usually cater for a lower grade of sport such as junior training and competition and in some cases local level senior training/competition and/or as over flow/training facilities. Generally local facilities are built and maintained to a class C standard level and are suitable for the level and type of sport being played (i.e. fit-for-purpose).

Class C facilities primarily cater for junior sport and local level senior sport e.g. 3rd or 4th grade (cricket synthetic wickets), C or D grade (AFL). Class C facilities provide Council with the ability to cater for peaks in demand, seasonal and occasional usage.

Examples of existing/proposed Class “C” sports grounds are:

* Larpent Reserve, Glen Waverley
* Jingella Reserve, Ashwood
* Freeway Reserve, Mulgrave
* Tally Ho Reserve, Syndal
* Argyle Reserve, Hughesdale
* Jordan Reserve, Chadstone
* Lum Reserve, Wheelers Hill
* Brandon Park Reserve, Wheelers Hill
* Columbia Park Reserve, Wheelers Hill (Note: Pavilion “B”)
* Gardiners Reserve (North Pitch), Burwood
* Ashwood Reserve, Ashwood
* Glen Waverley North Reserve, Glen Waverley

## 1.4 Other (Class D)

**Other facilities** and surfaces exist within the municipality that lie outside the class A, B and C framework such as: sporting venues that have a unique set of maintenance and service standards such as:

* Stan Riley Reserve (BMX), Oakleigh South
* Drummies Bridge Reserve (Pony Club), Glen Waverley
* Electra Reserve (Croquet Club), Ashwood
* Freeway Reserve (Archery Range), Mulgrave
* Central Reserve Athletics (turf) Track, Glen Waverley (the track is mown twice per week with a cylinder mower and line-marked once a fortnight)
* Davies Reserve Athletics Track, Oakleigh South
* Waverley Women’s Netball Centre (indoor & outdoor netball courts), Wheelers Hill

**Synthetic sports grounds:**

* Jack Edwards Reserve (Junior Pitch), Oakleigh
* Gardiners Reserve (Central Pitch), Burwood

## 1.5 School Facilities

**School facilities** and surfaces exist within the municipality on State Government (Department of Education) land. Some school sports grounds and facilities are maintained by Council for club and community use outside of school hours such as:

* Ashwood High School (Netball & Cricket)
* Glendal Primary School\*\*
* Mount Waverley Secondary College\*\*
* Mount View Primary School
* South Oakleigh Primary School
* Wheelers Hill Secondary College

\*\*Subject to development of licence or joint-use agreement.

## Sports Ground Maintenance Service Levels

The classification of a sports ground determines the sports ground’s maintenance service level. Generally, the higher the classification, the higher the maintenance service level provided, reflecting the mowing regime, irrigation and drainage provided, standard and type of sport played, whether there is a turf wicket and how often each sports field is used. These category classes are a guide only and may change to reflect changes in sports field usage and the level of sport being played. Indicative sports ground maintenance standards are detailed in Table 1 – Indicative Maintenance Service Levels.

**Table 1:** Indicative Sports Ground Maintenance Service Levels

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| **Facility Classification** | **Maintenance Service Level** |
| Regional/Municipal  Class A | * Mowing category 1 location (provision for 2 mows if required, dependent on growth levels) * Warm season grass priority. * A cultural program including an annual fertiliser program, renovation practices, a pesticide program including preventative applications and regular inspections. |
| District  Class B | * Senior sport played or sports fields utilised during summer and winter seasons where a senior sport is played at least during one of these periods. * Mowing category 2 location (generally one mow per week unless turf wicket). * Turf wicket ovals receive 2 mows per week when required to allow faster ball roll through the outfield. * A cultural program dictated by budget parameters and routine inspections including an annual fertiliser program, renovation practices, a pesticide program including preventative applications and regular inspections. |
| Local  Class C | * Local level senior sport, junior sport or overflow ground. * Mowing Category 2 (generally one mow per week) * A cultural program dictated by budget parameters including an annual fertiliser program, renovation practices, a pesticide program and regular inspections. |
| Other e.g.  Class D | * Minimal or specialised mowing regime for schools or site specific e.g. Drummies Bridge Pony Club, Central Reserve Turf Athletics Track, Freeway Archery Range etc. |

## Pavilion Standards

Council provides a range of sports pavilions for sporting and community use. The standard components included in pavilions are reflective of their classification under this hierarchy.

* 1. Regional/Multi-Purpose Community Facilities (Class A)

**Regional/multi-purpose pavilions** provide the pavilion infrastructure to accommodate regional level competition such as premier cricket (Central Reserve) or State League Rugby Union (Holmesglen Reserve). Currently there is no regional level AFL football played in Monash. These facilities are able to accommodate a number of users and can address the shortfalls in available community meeting space. Multi-purpose spaces are designed to accommodate seasonal users and public hiring. This is a community facility with sports club component and best suited to locations with adequate parking, multiple fields and proximity to transport and with minimal site restrictions. These facilities often form part of a community hub or sporting precinct e.g. Central Reserve.

## General Sports Pavilions (Class B)

**General sports pavilions** are suitable for senior level competition and include limited social space for local club social functions, user groups or casual events. They are the home base for most clubs in Monash. Local sport pavilions provide for multiple seasonal users and use by the wider community. Generally these facilities include change room, amenities, basic kitchen/kiosk facilities and separate provision of social space. The primary purpose of the pavilion is to facilitate and support participation in sport at a local level.

## Minor Sports Pavilions (Class C)

**Minor Sports Pavilions** provide base level facilities for participation primarily in junior sport and may be used as a secondary facility by seasonal clubs in conjunction with casual sports users and schools. The pavilion provides basic change rooms and amenities. These facilities may act as a satellite pavilion for a larger club for junior sports, low-level senior sports or where clubs training at these venues have access to additional facilities. These types of pavilions can be used casually by a number of different groups. As with Class B pavilions, the primary purpose of Class C pavilions is to facilitate and support participation in sport.

## Scale of Future Pavilion Redevelopments

These classifications provide a transparent framework for the provision of pavilion upgrades. The average footprint and cost for pavilion redevelopments proposed under the hierarchy is detailed in Table 2.

**Table 2:** Indicative Size and Budget Guide for Pavilions Redevelopments

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| --- | --- | --- | --- |
| **Classification** | **A \*** | **B \*** | **C \*** |
| Indicative footprint incl. spectator shelter  (Est. social space approx. 20% of footprint) | 600 m2  (120 m2 ) | 500 m2  (100 m2 ) | 350 m2  (60 m2 ) |
| Est. Cost @ **$4,500** per m2 | $2,700,000 | $2,250,000 | $1,575,000 |
| Design, Project Management & Contingency Costs (+25%) | $675,000 | $562,500 | $393,750 |
| **Sub-Total** | **$3,375,000** | **$2,812,500** | **$1,968,750** |
| Adjust annually for CPI 2% | $67,500 | $56,250 | $39,375 |
| **Total Estimated Cost (2019/20)** | **$3,442,500** | **$2,868,750** | **$2,008,125** |
| Adjust annually for CPI 2% | $68,850 | $57,375 | $40,162 |
| **Total Estimated Cost (2020/21)** | **$3,511,350** | **$2,926,125** | **$2,048,287** |

**\*Important Notes:**

1. These are *indicative* maximum sizes and costs for Class A, B & C Pavilions that are female friendly and service a single sports ground. They are a guide only and budget estimates will need to be adjusted annually by CPI.

2. Pavilion footprints and estimated costs will vary according to:

* multi-use potential to cater for broader community access;
* existing site limitations and latent conditions e.g. landfill and leachate sites;
* the code and level of sport being played;
* the size and number of sports ground/s and number of clubs at the reserve; and
* the range and cost of ESD elements incorporated into the design.

**Non-standard Components**

Council will only consider including non-standard, additional components or larger space provision in pavilion redevelopments if they are fully funded by Clubs (refer Table 3). Council may consider co-contribution in partnership with clubs where there is evidence of need, high participation and significant community benefit outcomes following the presentation of a business case by clubs and evidence of club contribution. These cases will be rare and considered on a case by case basis.

These standards have been developed with consideration given to relevant State Sporting Association facility guidelines. The standards also incorporate accessibility and gender equity (i.e. female friendly) principles. In keeping with the stated principles, all non-standard development components will be funded by the club if they are to be included in facility development. To ensure consistency and clarity, Table 3 details key elements and identifies Council versus club funding responsibility for these components.

**Table 3:** Non Standard Elements for New Build/Significant Redevelopments

| **Item** | **Council Contribution** | **Club Contribution** |
| --- | --- | --- |
| Separate additional kitchen or kitchens above specification in Table 5 | Nil % | 100% |
| All non-essential, non-fixed kitchen appliances e.g fridges, freezers, deep fryers, microwaves, bain maries, coffee machines etc | Nil % | 100% |
| Bar | Nil % | 100% |
| Additional Medical/Strapping Room | Nil % | 100% |
| Meeting Room | Nil % | 100% |
| Office | Nil % | 100% |
| Gymnasium | Nil % | 100% |
| Additonal Storage | Nil % | 100% |
| Security system (alarm & panel sensor) | 100% | Nil% |
| Additional Security system (such as CCTV) | Nil % | 100% |
| Security Monitoring\*  \*Council approval required - refer  [CCTV Surveillance System Policy](https://www.monash.vic.gov.au/files/assets/public/edms/about-us/governance-laws-rules/laws-rules-policies/monash-council-cctv-policy.pdf) | Nil %  Note: In special circumstances Council may contribute funds for CCTV | 100% |
| Extended club social/meeting space | Nil % | 100% |
| Heating | 100% for social room only | 100% for area other than social |
| Cooling System | Council will only provide ceiling fans & natural ventiflation to facilitate air flow in the social room, if cooling is not included as part of the heating option i.e. split system | 100% |
| Electronic/LED Scoreboards | Nil % | 100% |
| Council equipment shed | 100% | Nil % |
| Synthetic Cricket Wicket (upgrade or new for training and centre wickets) | Conrete base (structural component)  Synthetic surface | Refer to [Cricket Wicket Policy 2021](https://www.monash.vic.gov.au/files/assets/public/edms/things-to-do/sport-recreation/monash-cricket-wicket-policy.pdf) |
| Sports field lighting (upgrade or new installation) | Refer to [Monash Sports Floodlighting Policy 2021](https://www.monash.vic.gov.au/files/assets/public/edms/things-to-do/sport-recreation/monash-sports-floodlighting-policy.pdf) | |
| Sports field lighting maintenance and operation | Refer to [Monash Sports Floodlighting Policy 2021](https://www.monash.vic.gov.au/files/assets/public/edms/things-to-do/sport-recreation/monash-sports-floodlighting-policy.pdf) | |

# Classifications

Monash Pavilions and Sports Grounds have been classified as detailed in *Table 4: Pavilions and Sports Grounds Classifications.*

##### **Table 4:** Pavilion and Sports Ground Classifications

|  | **Name of Sports Ground** | | **Pavilion Classification** | **Sports Ground Classification** | **Level of Sport Played** | **Current Winter Capacity Hours (max recommended hrs per week)** |
| --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- |
| 1 | Argyle Reserve | | Class C | Class C | Local | 15 |
| 2 | Ashwood Reserve (North) | | Class C | Class C | Local | 15 |
| 3a | Ashwood HS (Cricket) | | Class D | Other | Local (school) | TBC |
| 3b | Ashwood HS (Netball) | | Class D | n/a | Local (school), 12 outdoor netball courts | NA |
| 4 | Batesford Reserve | | Class C | Class C | District & Local | 15 |
| **5** | Brandon Park Reserve | | Class C | Class C | Local | 15 |
| 6 | Brentwood Reserve | | Class B | Class C | Local & District | 15 |
| 7 | Caloola Reserve | | Class B | Class C | Local & District | 15 |
| 8 | Capital Reserve | | Class B | Class C | Local & District | 15 |
| 9 | Carlson Reserve | | Class C | Class C | Local & District | 15 |
| 10a | Central Reserve (Athletics) | | Class C | Other\* | Local & District (turf track) - Senior & Little Athletics | In summer the track is mown 2x per wk with a cylinder mower & line-marked once a fortnight. |
| 10b | Central Reserve South | | Class A | Class A | Regional & District (turf) | 20 |
| 10c | Central Reserve North | | Class A | Class A | Regional & District (turf) | 20 |
| 11 | Columbia Park Reserve | | Class B | Class C | Local | 15 |
| 12a | Davies Reserve (Athletics) | | Class C | Other | Local - Little Athletics | In summer grass track is mown 1-2x per wk with a cylinder mower & line-marked once every 2-4 wks. |
| 12b | Davies Reserve Infield (Soccer) | | Class C | Class C | Local | 20 |
| 13 | Electra Reserve (Croquet) | | Electra Community Centre | Other | 2 croquet courts | NA |
| 14 | Essex Heights Reserve | | Class B | Class B | District (turf) | 15 |
| 15a | Freeway Reserve Change rooms (Cricket) | | Class C | Class C | Local (no social room) | 15 |
| 15b | Freeway Reserve Change rooms (Soccer) | | Class C | Pitch 1 (Main) - Class C | Local & District | 15 |
| Pitch 2 - Class C | Local | 15 |
| Freeway Reserve Social Pavilion (Soccer) | | Class B  Note: No change facility |
| Pitch 3 - Class C | Local | 15 |
| 15c | Freeway Reserve Archery Range | | Class D | Other | Local, District, Municipal & State events | NA |
| 16a | Fregon Reserve (North) | | Class B | Class C | Local & District | 15 |
| 16b | Fregon Reserve (South) | | Class B | Local & District | 20 |
| 17a | Gardiners Reserve (North, Pitch 3) | | Class C | Class C | Local | 15 |
| 17b | Gardiners Reserve (Middle) | | Synthetic | Local & District | NA |
| 17c | Gardiners Reserve (South) | | Class B | Class B | District, NPL | 150 |
| 18 | Gladeswood Reserve (Baseball) | | Baseball C | Baseball B | Local | TBC |
| 19 | Glen Waverley North Reserve | | Class B | Class C | Local & District | 15 |
| 20 | Holmesglen Reserve | | Class A | Class A | District & Regional | 25 |
| 21a | Jack Edwards Junior | | Class B | Synthetic | Local & District | NA |
| 21b | Jack Edwards Senior | | Class A | Class A | Regional, NPL | 15 |
| (turf on sand profile) |
| 22a | The Oaks, Jells Park  (*in development*) | | n/a | Class B | Local | 15 |
| 22b | The Ashes, Jells Park  (*in development*) | | n/a | Class B | Local | 15 |
| 22 | Jingella Reserve | | Class C | Class C | Local | 15 |
| 23 | Jordan Reserve | | Class C | Class C | Local | 15 |
| 24 | Larpent Reserve | | Class C | Class C | Local | 15 |
| 25a | Lum Reserve East | | Class C | Class C | Local | 15 |
| 25b | Lum Reserve West | | Class C | Local | 15 |
| 26 | Mayfield Park | | Class C | Class B | Local & District | 15 |
| 27 | Meade (Clayton) Reserve | | Class A | Class B | District & Local (turf) | 15 |
| 28 | Mt View PS | | n/a | Class D | Local (school) | TBC |
| 29 | Mt Waverley Reserve | | Class A | Class B | District & Local (turf) | 15 |
| 30a | Mulgrave Reserve (East) | | Class A\* | Class B+ | District & Local (turf on sand profile) | 20 |
| 30b | Mulgrave Reserve (Middle & West) | | Class C | Local & District | 15 |
| 31a | Napier Park (West) Changerooms | | Class C | Baseball B (diamond 2) | Local & District | 15 |
| 31b | Napier Park (East) Social Pavilion | | Class B | Baseball A (diamond 1) | District & Regional | 20 |
| 31c | Napier Park (South -Dick Mason – 2 fields) | | Class C | Baseball C (diamond 3) | Local & District | 20 |
| Baseball C (diamond 4) | Local & District | 20 |
| 32 | Pinewood Reserve | | Class C | Class B | Local & District (turf) | 15 |
| 33a | Princes Hwy Reserve East | | Class C | Class C | Local | 15 |
| 33b | Princes Hwy Reserve West | | Class A | Class B | Local & District | 20 |
| 34 | Scotchmans Run Reserve | | Class C | Class B | Local | 15 |
| 35 | Southern Reserve | | Class C | Class C | Local | 15 |
| 36 | South Oakleigh SC | | n/a | Class D | Local (school) | TBC |
| 37 | South Oakleigh PS | | n/a | Class D | Local (school) | TBC |
| 38 | Tally Ho Reserve | | Class C | Class C | Local | 15 |
| 39 | Warrawee Park | | Class A (Wilkinson Pavilion) | Class A | Regional & District (turf) | 15 |
| Class C (Grandstand) |
| 40 | WA Scammell Reserve | | Class A | Class B | District & Local (turf) | 15 |
| 41a | Waverley Women’s Softball Centre | Diamond No. 1 (skinned) | Class A | Softball A (lit) | Regional, District & Local | 15 |
| 41b | Diamond No. 2 (skinned) | Softball A (lit) | Regional | 15 |
| 41c | Diamond No.9 (skinned) | Softball B | Regional, District & Local | 20 |
| 41d | Diamonds No. 3-8 & 10 | Softball B | District & Local | 20 |
| 42 | Wellington Reserve | | Class C | Class C | Local & District | 15 |
| 43 | Wheelers Hill SC | | n/a | Class D | Local (school) | TBC |

*\*Classification to be reviewed following redevelopment in 2021-2022 and/or 2022-2023*

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|  | **Notes relevant to Table 4: Pavilion and Sports Ground Classifications:**  1. *A pavilion rating (A, B or C) may change if the pavilion is redeveloped or upgraded and the upgraded pavilion rating will be adjusted accordingly at the beginning of each new financial year. Fees and Charges will be applied in accordance with the adjusted classification.* 2. *A sports ground rating (A, B, C or D/other) may change if the sports ground is redeveloped or upgraded following capital improvements (e.g. improved drainage and irrigation, drought resistant grass etc.). The rating of the upgraded sports ground will be adjusted accordingly at the beginning of each new financial year. Fees and Charges will be applied in accordance with the adjusted classification.* 3. ***Winter Capacity Hours (maximum recommended hours of usage per week)*** *– The hours of winter club activity (training and competition hours) that the turf surface can accommodate to ensure a safe and sustainable playing surface at the classification specified. The Winter Capacity Hours have been informed by an independent audit conducted by SportsTurf Consultants (Aust.) Pty. Ltd. based on the type, level and frequency of winter sport being played as at 2019.* 4. *Winter clubs will not be allocated use in excess of capacity hours.* 5. *Where more than two clubs share the same ground over the winter season, the maximum capacity hours will be* ***shared*** *between the winter tenants on a* ***pro-rata******basis*** *using team numbers in submitted in year 1 of implementation of the new Active Monash Fees and Charges Policy.* 6. *This arrangement will be reviewed along with the review of sportsground maintenance costs every five years thereafter (or unless a split of the maximum capacity hours is mutually agreed by all winter tenants and/or the maximum winter capacity hours change due to ground improvements etc).* 7. *It is important to note that where clubs use the ground above allocated hours of sustainable use, the playing surface will likely deteriorate and this will impact surface playability, quality and safety.* |

# 3. Active Monash Capital Works Priorities Framework

The [*Active Monash Capital Works Priorities Framework*](https://www.monash.vic.gov.au/Leisure/Recreation-Strategies-and-Policies#activereserves) is a prioritisation model for identifying capital works priorities for the next 10+ years for the City of Monash sport and recreation assets (such as pavilions, sports lighting*, playgrounds* and sport and recreation infrastructure) by applying a transparent framework to rank projects in order of redevelopment priorities based on a clear and justifiable methodology.

# Sports Ground Support Infrastructure and Sport Code Component Provision

Sports ground support infrastructure includes items such as playing field fencing, irrigation systems, floodlighting, scoreboards and training nets.

The establishment of support infrastructure standards for each sports ground grading level enable the identification of infrastructure gaps, programming of capital improvements and provide fair and transparent guidelines for potential infrastructure improvements based on providing facilities that are fit-for-purpose.

The range of facility components and support infrastructure varies within each level of the hierarchy of provision and within sporting codes. *Table 5: Sports Ground Support Infrastructure Standards* and *Table 6: Component Provision per Sporting Code* detail the proposed standard and range of components and infrastructure for each level of hierarchy that Council aspires for each sporting code.

It should be noted that some sporting facilities within Monash do not currently comply with these proposed components per hierarchy level. These standards are aspirational and where it is possible and feasible to do so, they will be used to help guide future infrastructure development.

### **Support infrastructure works priorities**

Sports ground support infrastructure works will be assessed and ranked in order of priority for development in accordance with the *Active Monash’s Capital Works Priorities Framework* and will endeavour to close gaps in provision standards and components as detailed in *Table 5 – Sports Ground Support Infrastructure Standards* and *Table 6: Component Provision per Sporting Code*

Capital works priorities, once identified, may be presented to Council for funding consideration as part of the annual capital works budget process. Delivery of capital works projects will be subject to Council budget adoption.

##### **Table 5:** Sports Ground Support Infrastructure Standards (aspirational)

| **AMENITY COMPONENT** | **REGIONAL/MUNICIPAL**  **CLASS A** | **DISTRICT**  **CLASS B** | **LOCAL**  **CLASS C** | **COMMENTS** |
| --- | --- | --- | --- | --- |
| **Oval/pitch dimensions** | Recommended adult or junior sized playing field dimensions for ‘state or national’ standard competition as per *Sport Dimensions for Playing Areas* (2008) and recommendations by governing association or league. | Recommended adult or junior sized playing field dimensions for ‘club’ standard competition as per *Sport Dimensions for Playing Areas* (2008) and recommendations by governing association or league. | Recommended adult or junior sized playing field dimensions as per *Sport Dimensions for Playing Areas* (2008) and recommendations by governing association or league. | Some reserves have multiple ovals that may be classified at different levels e.g. Mulgrave Reserve east oval is Class B (turf wicket) and the middle and west ovals are Class C. |
| **Pavilion Classification** | Multi-Purpose Community Facility or General Sports Pavilion  Maximum Footprint approx 600m2  Est. social space approx. 20% of footprint- approx. 120m2  Semi-commercial kitchen with oven, stove top, grease pit and range hood.  Clubs to fund all non-essential, non-fixed appliances such as fridges, freezers, deep friers, microwaves, bain maries, coffee machines. | Multi-Purpose Community Facility or General Sports Pavilion Maximum  Footprint approx 500m2  Est. social space approx. 20% of footprint - approx. 100m2  Standard kitchen with domestic oven and stove top.  Clubs to fund all non-essential, non-fixed appliances such as fridges, freezers, deep friers, microwaves, bain maries, coffee machines. | Basic Level Sports Pavilion  Maximum Footprint approx 350m2  Est. social space approx. 20% of footprint – approx. 60m2  Basic kitchen domestic oven and stove top.  Clubs to fund all non-essential, non-fixed appliances such as fridges, freezers, deep friers, microwaves, bain maries, coffee machines. | Pavilions that support multiple ovals e.g. Mulgrave Reserve should include an additional set change rooms and amenities. |
| **Sports Ground Maintenance Standards** | Standard A | Standard B | Standard C | Refer to Table 1 |
| **Drainage** | Must drain to remove surface water within a specified period/rain event. Ground accessible except in event of an extreme rain event e.g. 25mm in an hour | Ground accessible for play 90% of winter period, localised surface water can be expected | Expected that play may be cancelled during extended rain periods. Ground accessible 70% of winter |  |
| **Irrigation** | Automatic system on central control including turf wicket and practice facilities  Minimum requirements: DU >85%, CU >90%, SC <1.2 | Automatic system on central control including turf wicket and practice facilities  Minimum requirements: DU >85%, CU >90%, SC <1.2 | Automatic system on central control  Minimum requirements: DU >85%, CU >90%, SC <1.2 |  |
| **Floodlighting** | Refer [[Monash Sports Floodlighting Policy 2021](https://www.monash.vic.gov.au/files/assets/public/edms/things-to-do/sport-recreation/monash-sports-floodlighting-policy.pdf)](https://www.monash.vic.gov.au/files/assets/public/leisure/tenant-information/monash-sports-floodlighting-policy.pdf) | | | |
| **Playing area boundary fencing** | Permanent chain wire fence where site allows. Temporary home run fence for baseball. Permanent back netting for baseball | Post and rail or none. | None or post and rail | Boundary fence 900mm high as recommended by AFL Preferred Facility Requirements. Higher fencing may be provided where protection or ball capture is required or where required by associations and leagues. |
| **Scoreboard** | Permanent standard scoreboard or scorers box | Temporary or permanent | Standard temporary/portable. | LED / electronic scoreboards to be fully funded and maintained by clubs |
| **Coaches boxes** | AFL – 2 x permanent  Soccer/rugby – 2 x permanent at soccer/rugby reserves to accommodate 8 people | AFL – 2 x permanent  Soccer/rugby – 2 x permanent at soccer/rugby reserves to accommodate 5 people | Optional | Soccer/rugby coaches boxes not to be installed on ovals where cricket or Australian Rules football is played. Dimensions and specifications to meet any requirements of governing leagues or associations |
| **Spectator seating** | Grandstand seating for up to 500 spectators (where applicable / practicable) or bench seating adjacent to playing field for up to 50 spectators (where applicable / practicable) | 2 x park bench type seats per oval adjacent to playing field | Optional | Spectator seating for Class A determined by anticipated crowds and standard of competition and if seating can be practicably accommodated.  Not considered a high priority and is considered aspirational |
| **Player dugouts/ seating (baseball)** | Permanent dugouts/seating | Not provided | Not provided |  |
| **Turf Table** | Refer to [Cricket Wicket Policy 2021](https://www.monash.vic.gov.au/files/assets/public/edms/things-to-do/sport-recreation/monash-cricket-wicket-policy.pdf) | | | |
| **Cricket wicket** |
| **Turf Cricket Practice Nets** |
| **Practice nets (cricket)** |
| **Goal posts** | Soccer – aluminium only, senior size with net stand  AFL – 12m goal, 6m point, aluminium only  Rugby - aluminium only, junior and senior size | Soccer – aluminium only, senior size  AFL – 8m goal, 4m point, aluminium only  Rugby - aluminium only, junior and senior size | Soccer – aluminium only, junior and senior size  AFL - 8m goal, 4m point, aluminium only  Rugby - aluminium only, junior and senior size |  |
| **Recommended turf type** | Warm season, winter oversow dependent on usage levels | Warm season, winter oversow dependent on usage levels | Warm season, winter oversow dependent on usage levels |  |
| **Playing diamond & pitcher’s mound (baseball)** | Turf infield with full en-tout-cas or equivalent hard surface diamond.  Permanent pitcher’s mound. | Turf infield with en-tout-cas bases.  Permanent pitcher’s mound. | Turf infield with en-tout-cas bases.  Temporary pitcher’s mound. |  |
| **Rubbish bin cage** | Chain mesh cage on concrete base with provision for 10 bins. | Chain mesh cage on concrete base with provision for 5 bins. | Not generally provided | Clubs may apply in writing for cages with provision for up to 20 bins with approval based on an assessment of the amount of waste generated. |

##### **Table 6:** Component Provision per Sporting Code (aspirational)

| **Sporting Code** | **Component** | **Local**  **(Class C)** | **District**  **(Class B)** | **Municipal/**  **Regional**  **(Class A)** |
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| **Australian Rules Football** | **Oval** | Standalone facility or training only venue – may not be full size | Full size oval (preferred165m x 135m)  Minimum (150m x 110m) | Full size oval 165m x 135m |
| **Drainage** | Drainage system | Drainage system | Comprehensive drainage system |
| **Irrigation** | Automatic irrigation | Automatic irrigation | Automatic irrigation |
| **Floodlighting**  (to comply with AS training levels) | Refer to [Monash Sports Floodlighting Policy 2021](https://www.monash.vic.gov.au/files/assets/public/edms/things-to-do/sport-recreation/monash-sports-floodlighting-policy.pdf) | | |
| **Oval Fencing** |  | Fencing with chain mesh in fill | Fencing with chain mesh in fill |
| **Scoreboard** |  | Permanent scoreboard | Permanent scoreboard |
| **Coaches Boxes** |  | 2 x coaches boxes | 2 x coaches boxes |
| **Seating** | Seating around ground e.g park furniture | Seating around ground e.g park furniture | Terraces, seating or space for up to 100-400 spectators where practicable. |
| **Car Parking** | Off street or on street car parking | Off street car parking for a minimum of 50 cars including disabled spaces. | Off street car parking for a minimum of 200 cars including disabled spaces where practicable. |
| **Bicycle Parking** | Bicycle parking racks or similar provided | Bicycle parking racks or similar provided | Bicycle parking racks or similar provided |
| **Cricket** | **Oval** | Minimum 40m radius | Full size oval (preferred 60m radius – Min. 50m radius) | 70m radius from centre wicket |
| **Irrigation** | Automatic irrigation | Automatic irrigation | Automatic irrigation |
| **Drainage** | Drainage System | Drainage System | Comprehensive drainage system |
| **Turf Table** | Refer to [Cricket Wicket Policy 2021](https://www.monash.vic.gov.au/files/assets/public/edms/things-to-do/sport-recreation/monash-cricket-wicket-policy.pdf) | | |
| **Synthetic Pitch** | Refer to [Cricket Wicket Policy 2021](https://www.monash.vic.gov.au/files/assets/public/edms/things-to-do/sport-recreation/monash-cricket-wicket-policy.pdf)  Cricket Vic recommended spec for concrete slab & synthetic wicket surface in the range of 25m-28m long and 2.4-2.8 wide. | | |
| **Turf Practice Wicket** | Refer to [Cricket Wicket Policy 2021](https://www.monash.vic.gov.au/files/assets/public/edms/things-to-do/sport-recreation/monash-cricket-wicket-policy.pdf)  Cricket Vic recommended spec for Turf Wickets are 20.12m long & 3.05 wide | | |
| **Synthetic practice nets** | Refer to [Cricket Wicket Policy 2021](https://www.monash.vic.gov.au/files/assets/public/edms/things-to-do/sport-recreation/monash-cricket-wicket-policy.pdf) | | |
| **Oval Fencing** |  | Fencing with chain mesh in fill | Fencing with chain mesh in fill |
| **Scoreboard** |  | Permanent scoreboard | Permanent scoreboard |
| **Seating** | Seating around ground e.g. park furniture | Seating around ground e.g. park furniture | Terraces, seating or space for up to 100-400 spectators where practicable. |

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|  | **Component** | **Local**  **(Class C)** | **District**  **(Class B)** | **Municipal/**  **Regional**  **(Class A)** |
| **Car Parking** | Off street or on street car parking | Off street car parking for a minimum of 30 cars including disabled spaces. | Off street car parking for a minimum of 50 cars including disabled spaces. |
| **Bicycle Parking** | Bicycle parking racks or similar provided | Bicycle parking racks or similar provided | Bicycle parking racks or similar provided |
| **Baseball** | **No. of Fields** | One field suitable for seniors and juniors | Two fields suitable for seniors or juniors | Minimum two fields suitable for seniors with no overlap in the outfield |
| **Irrigation** | Automatic irrigation | Automatic irrigation | Automatic irrigation |
| **Drainage** | Drainage system | Drainage system | Drainage system |
| **Nets** | Permanent back nets behind each field | Permanent back nets behind each field | Permanent back nets behind each field |
| **Home Run Fence** |  |  | May have temporary home run  fence |
| **Player Dugouts** | Permanent player dug outs | Permanent player dug outs | Permanent player dug outs for minimum two fields |
| **Spectator Seating** |  |  | Seating around ground e.g. park furniture |
| **Flood lighting** | Refer to [Monash Sports Floodlighting Policy 2021](https://www.monash.vic.gov.au/files/assets/public/edms/things-to-do/sport-recreation/monash-sports-floodlighting-policy.pdf) | | |
| **Car Parking** |  |  | Off street car parking for a minimum of 40 cars including disabled spaces. |
| **Bicycle Parking** |  |  | Bicycle parking provided |
| **Reserve Fencing** |  |  | Only if there are safety issues |
| **Rugby Union & League** | **No of Fields** | 1 x Field | 1 x Field | 2 x Fields |
| **Irrigation** | Automatic irrigation | Automatic irrigation | Automatic irrigation |
| **Drainage** | Drainage system | Drainage system | Drainage system |
| **Flood lighting** | Refer to [Monash Sports Floodlighting Policy 2021](https://www.monash.vic.gov.au/files/assets/public/edms/things-to-do/sport-recreation/monash-sports-floodlighting-policy.pdf) | | |
| **Coaches Box** |  | 2 permanent shelters | 2 permanent shelters on main field |
| **Scoreboard** |  | Permanent scoreboard | Permanent scoreboard |
| **Spectator Seating** |  | Seating around ground e.g. park furniture | Seating around ground e.g. park furniture |
| **Car Parking** |  | Off street car parking for a minimum of 50 cars including disabled spaces. | Off street car parking for a minimum of 50 cars including disabled spaces. |
| **Reserve Fencing** |  |  | Only if there are safety issues |
| **Bicycle Parking** |  | Bicycle parking racks or similar provided | Bicycle parking racks or similar provided |
| **Soccer** | **No of Fields (per Reserve)** | One field, either senior or junior | Minimum two senior pitches | Minimum three /four fields |
| **Component** | **Local**  **(Class C)** | **District**  **(Class B)** | **Municipal/**  **Regional**  **(Class A)** |
| **Irrigation** | Automatic irrigation | Automatic irrigation | Automatic irrigation |
| **Drainage** | Drainage system | Drainage system | Drainage system |
| **Floodlighting**  (to comply with Australian Standards) | Refer to [Monash Sports Floodlighting Policy 2021](https://www.monash.vic.gov.au/files/assets/public/edms/things-to-do/sport-recreation/monash-sports-floodlighting-policy.pdf) | | |
| **Field Fencing** | None | Post and rail fencing for main field only | Post and rail fence with chain mesh infill for main field. Also fencing to separate players, referees races from spectators. Post and rail fence for second field. Other fields unfenced. |
| **Reserve Fencing** |  |  | Main field and associated facilities to be fenced. |
| **Coaches Box** |  | 2 permanent shelters on main field if ground not shared with cricket | 2 permanent shelters on main field and second field |
| **Scoreboard** | Temporary scoreboard | Permanent scoreboard | Permanent scoreboard |
| **Spectator Seating** |  | Seating around ground e.g. park furniture | Seating around ground e.g. park furniture  Fixed tiered seating for between 100 – 400 spectators. |
| **Car Parking** |  | Off street car parking for a minimum of 50 cars including disabled spaces. | Off street car parking for a minimum of 50 cars including disabled spaces. |
| **Bicycle Parking** | Bicycle parking racks or similar provided | Bicycle parking racks or similar provided | Bicycle parking racks or similar provided |
| **Also Note:**  [Community Sport , Premier League & Elite Sport Framework Policy 2022](https://www.monash.vic.gov.au/files/assets/public/edms/things-to-do/sport-recreation/community-premier-league-elite-sport-framework-final-26-april-attachment-a.pdf) | | | | |

**REVISION SUMMARY**

Ammendments to Classificiations following facility redevelopment and/or upgrade:

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|  | **Project/Upgrade** | **Classification Before** | **Classification After** |
| Revision 1  June 2018 | Columbia Park Reserve Pavilion Redevelopment | Pavilion C | Pavilion B |
| Central Reserve South Pavilion New | Pavilion B (grandstand) | Pavilion A |
| Caloola Reserve Multi-sport Pavilion New | Class C | Class B |
| Mulgrave Reserve (Main) Sportground Upgrade (turf with sand profile) | Sportsground B | Sportsground B+ |
| WA Scammell Reserve Pavilion New | Pavilion B | Pavilion A |
| Holmesglen Reserve Sportsground Upgrade (turf with sand profile) | Sportsground A | Sportsground A |
| Revision 2  August 2019 | Separate school classification section added (1.5 School Facilities) | n/a | n/a |
| Estimated pavilion redevelopment costs updated from $3,000 per m2 to $4,500 per m2 based on 2018/19 actual pavilion build costs and advice from City Design (refer **Table 2:** Indicative Size and Budget Guide for Pavilions Redevelopments). | n/a | n/a |
| Central Reserve Athletics – planned upgrade of jumps runways 2019/20 | Currently “Other” | Upon completion of works will become “Athletics A” |
| Davies Reserve Athletics & Soccer – turf track redevelopment and soccer infield upgrade 2020/21  Added separate listing for Davies Reserve Infield (soccer) | Currently “Other” | Upon completion of works will become “Athletics B” |
| Gladeswood Reserve – baseball infield improvement works 2019/20 | Currently “Class C" | Upon completion of works will become “Baseball B” |
| Brentwood Reserve Pavilion New 2019/20 | Currently “Class C” | Upon completion of works will become “Class B” |
| Caloola Reserve Multi-sport Pavilion New – 2019/20 | Currently “Class C” | Upon completion of works will become “Class B” |
| Princes Hwy Reserve West 2018/19 sports ground improvements | Currently “Class B“ | Upon completion of works will remain “Class B” |
| Improved detail around baseball and softball diamonds at Napier Park & Waverley Women’s Sports Centre. | n/a | n/a |
| Additional sports reserves and facilities added e.g. Electra Reserve (Croquet) and South Oakleigh Secondary College | n/a | Other & Class D |
| Revision 3  March 2021 | Brentwood Reserve Pavilion New Redevelopment completed March 2021 | Class C | Class B |
| Caloola Reserve Multi-sport Pavilion – Redevelopment completed March 2021 | Class C | Class B |
| Gladeswood Reserve – baseball infield improvement works incl. drainage & irrigation completed 2020 | Baseball C | Baseball B |
| Scotchmans Run Reserve Sportsground improvements completed 2020 (removal baseball diamond & cricket nets, levelling and drainage) | Class C | Class B |
| Mayfield Park Reserve Sportsground Sportslighting upgrade completed 2020 | Class C | Class B |
| Waverley Women’s Sports Centre Diamond 1 (skinned & lit) | Softball B | Softball A |
| [CCTV Surveillance System Policy](https://www.monash.vic.gov.au/files/assets/public/edms/about-us/governance-laws-rules/laws-rules-policies/monash-council-cctv-policy.pdf)  [Monash Sports Floodlighting Policy 2021](https://www.monash.vic.gov.au/files/assets/public/edms/things-to-do/sport-recreation/monash-sports-floodlighting-policy.pdf) | Referenced | Referenced |

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|  | **Project/Upgrade** | **Classification Before** | **Classification After** |
| Revision 4  May 2022 | Added The Oaks & The Ashes cricket ovals at Jells Park (in development) - Parks Victoria land | n/a | Class B |
| [Cricket Wicket Policy 2021](https://www.monash.vic.gov.au/files/assets/public/edms/things-to-do/sport-recreation/monash-cricket-wicket-policy.pdf)  [Community Sport , Premier League & Elite Sport Framework Policy 2022](https://www.monash.vic.gov.au/files/assets/public/edms/things-to-do/sport-recreation/community-premier-league-elite-sport-framework-final-26-april-attachment-a.pdf) | Referenced | Referenced |
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