



Sunday May 15, 2022

Dear SYSA Coaches and Managers;

As spring is upon us, teams and players alike are eager to resume training in anticipation of the upcoming 2022/23 season. The Brennan Park (BP) turf field is once again full of smiling faces both young and old.

The process of booking/reserving the BP turf field during this time has proven challenging however. In part due to the number of Squamish Youth Soccer Association (SYSA) programs that are offered during this time, but also due to the number and variability of team practices. Booking/reserving the BP turf in a manner that ensures that the needs of SYSA coaches, coordinators, and players are being met, while also being responsible financially as an association, as well as, responsible to our community is something that can be improved upon.

Therefore, after careful evaluation, and in order address the above and to help streamline and systemize this process, SYSA will be trialing the following Turf Allocation Protocol.

Each calendar year will be separated into two seasons:

Season 1: from April 1 – August 31 and;

Season 2 from September 1 to March 31

Season 1

- Team managers are be asked to submit BP/Quest turf field requests on a month-to-month basis.
- Field requests are to be submitted to vp@squamishunited.ca by 15th day of the preceding month.
- Field requests shall be for only the upcoming month (not multiple future months).
- Teams will be denoted by a “U” and age (age will increase after ID sessions – e.g. U13 will change to U14 in May of the calendar year)
- A new easily readable SYSA Monthly Turf Calendar will be posted on the SYSA google drive, accessible by all coaches, managers and coordinators once *all* turf requests have been received and entered in the calendar.



- After receiving all turf requests, any turf time that has not been requested will be released back to the DOS and the SYSA Monthly Calendar will then be posted.
- Should any coach/coordinator wish to change, add or release turf time, or if an error is noted on the posted calendar, please email vp@squamishunited.ca and the adjustment/booking (if still available) will be made.

Season 2

- BP/Quest field requests will be submitted by Aug 15 of the calendar year for the entire upcoming playing season.
- The time slot allotted will then remain the same throughout the playing season unless circumstances require adjustments.
- As with the SYSA Monthly Turf Calendar, this Season 2 Turf Calendar will also be posted on the SYSA google drive
- Again, once *all* turf requests have been received, any turf time that has not been requested will be released back to the DOS for other user groups to use (*it is very important that any field user requests be well thought out for Season 2*)

SYSA is excited to implement this new Turf Allocation Protocol as it will not only streamline and organize turf requests in terms of scheduling, but also, ensuring that we are only paying for turf that we are using while and at the same time allowing other user groups the ability to use this very limited resource if possible.

As with all new initiatives, there may be some growing pains in adopting this new protocol as it certainly requires appropriate planning. However, any suggestions as to how to improve this process are welcome.

We look forward to hearing from each of you as we move forward with this initiative, please look for the invitation to “view” the Turf Schedule in this email, and should anyone have any questions, comments or concerns, please direct them to vp@squamishunited.ca.

Thanking you in advance for your time and commitment to the betterment of the Squamish Youth Soccer Association.

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On Behalf of the SYSA BOD

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