

# **Sports Commission Meeting Agenda**

Thursday, October 28, 2021

Virtual Meeting via Microsoft TEAMS

Time: 7:00pm-9:00pm

## ***Commission Member Reports***

- Aquatics Committee Update
- PSMP Comments
- Chair Updates
- Combatting Hate in Sports Working Group Update
- Communications Working Group – Update

## ***Discussions***

- DPR Athletic Field Scheduling and Utilization Presentation, Greg Anselene, Peter Lusk, DPR
- Career Center Plan Discussion
- Commissioner Liaison Roles

## ***Other***

## ***Public Comment***

## ***Upcoming Meetings:***

- November 18, 2021

# FIELD SCHEDULING AND UTILIZATION

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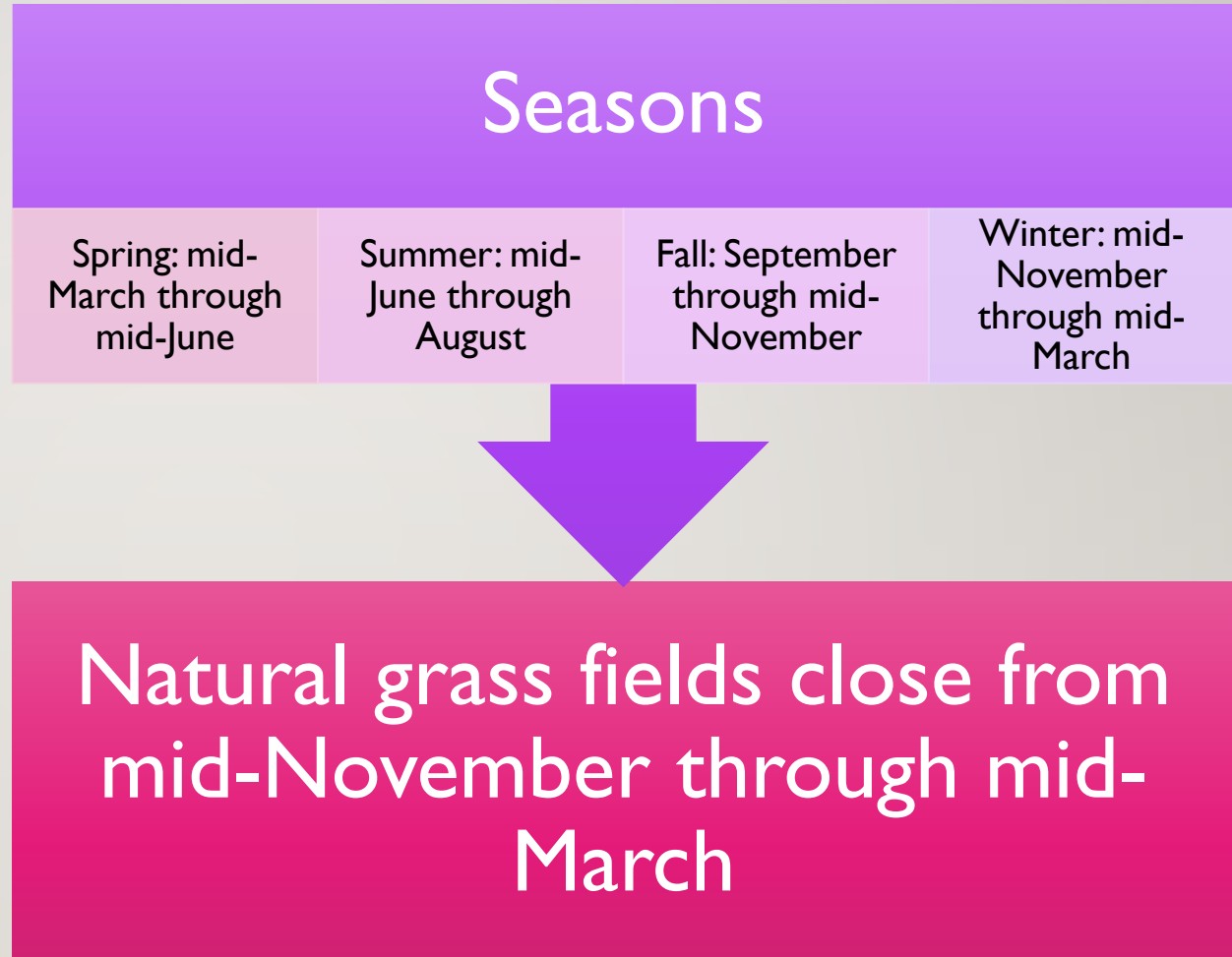
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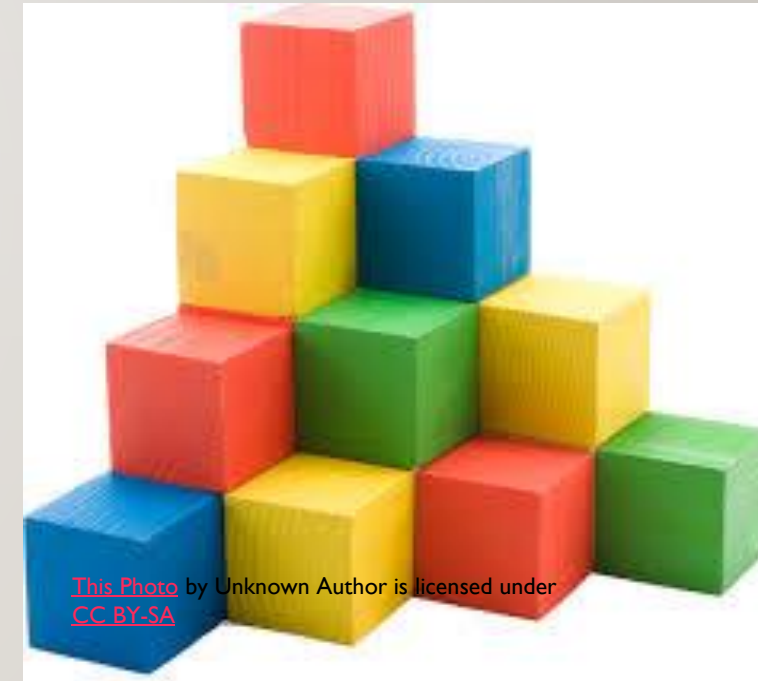
# GENERAL SCHEDULING PRINCIPLES



# BUILDING BLOCKS

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- Base Block:
  - Arlington Public Schools,
  - DPR Internal Programs
  - Existing agreements Marymount University (Long Bridge # 1), George Washington University (Barcroft 6)
- Tier I:
  - Arlington Residency, Youth, Non Profit (Youth Partner leagues)
- Tier II:
  - Arlington Residency, Adult Non Profit
- Tier III
  - Arlington Residency, For Profit (youth or adult)
- Tier IV
  - Other



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## FIELD CONSIDERATIONS/ ALLOCATIONS



Fields are allocated through a variety of considerations and processes that determines who receives what fields when.



Meet with each league prior to the season to discuss field needs/schedules/changes to field availability etc.



Leagues provide requests to DPR. Requests include preferred times, days and locations

# ALLOCATIONS

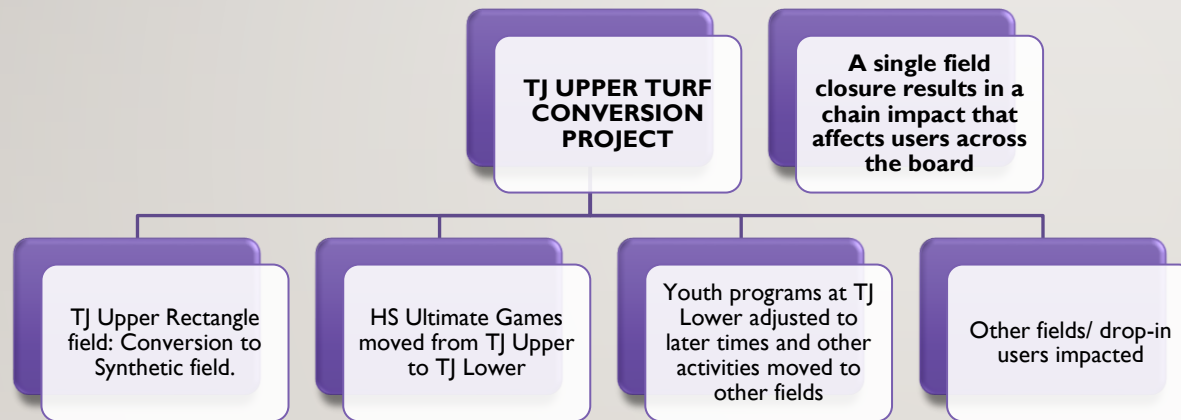
- Organizations are allocated specific fields based on

- Type of Sport
- Age and number of players
- Facilities/Amenities needed
- Purpose: Game or practice
- Historical use

Description	Activities/Week
Youth Recreational Primary Season over 8 years old.	3
Youth Recreational Secondary Season over 8 years old.	2
Youth Recreational Primary and Secondary Season under 8 years old.	2
Youth Competitive	3
Adult	1
Youth Maximum Time	Hours
Under 8 years old Recreational Teams- Practice	1
Over 8 years old Recreational Teams/Competitive Teams- Practice	1.5
Game Times- Vary by Sport/league	1-2.5

# EXAMPLE OF IMPACTS AND EFFECTS OF FIELD CHANGES/CLOSURES

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# ATHLETIC FIELD AVAILABILITY & UTILIZATION





# ATHLETIC FIELD AVAILABILITY DRAFT FRAMEWORK – SEASONS

- Organized sports in Arlington operate in two primary seasons. Spring and fall.
- The Athletic Field Availability Framework includes the seasons below.

## Seasons

Season	Number of Weeks
Spring	13
Fall	11

**Spring Season** - mid-March through mid-June

**Fall Season** - September through mid-November.

**NOTE:** Most youth league seasons are based on a national governing body and can't be changed or altered.

# ATHLETIC FIELD AVAILABILITY DRAFT FRAMEWORK –START TIMES

Based on feedback from the PSMP-IAC and the first public engagement the following start times are used to create the Athletic Field Availability Framework.

## Activity Start Times

Day of Week	Start Time
Weekday	5:00 pm
Saturday	8:00 am
Sunday	9:00 am

**NOTE:** Activity Start Times do not change based on season or age.

# ATHLETIC FIELD AVAILABILITY DRAFT FRAMEWORK – END TIMES LIGHTED FIELDS

Based on feedback from the PSMP-IAC and the first public engagement the following end times are used to create the Athletic Field Availability Framework.

## Activity End Times – Lighted Fields

Age	End Time
14u	9:00 pm
18u	10:00 pm
Adults	11:00 pm

**NOTE:** End times on fields with lights do not change based on season.

# ATHLETIC FIELD AVAILABILITY DRAFT FRAMEWORK – END TIMES UNLIT FIELDS

Based on feedback from the PSMP-IAC and the first public engagement the following end times are used to create the Athletic Field Availability Framework for unlit fields.

## Spring and Fall Activity End Times – Unlit Fields

Fields	Month	End Time
	March	7:30 pm
	April	8:00 pm
	May	8:30 pm
	June	8:30 pm
	September	6:30 pm
	October	6:00 pm
	November	6:00 pm

**NOTE:** End times are based on the latest sunset of each month.

# ATHLETIC FIELD AVAILABILITY AND UTILIZATION

## What Does This Mean For Athletic Field Utilization?

- Now that we have created a draft framework for Athletic Field Availability, we can work towards a definition for Field Utilization.
- A beginning definition for Field Utilization could be:
  - **The Comparison of Athletic Field Reservations to the Athletic Field Availability Framework.**
- The following slides are examples of Field Utilization that incorporate the draft Athletic Field Availability Framework.

# DRAFT UTILIZATION EXAMPLE – BARCROFT PARK FIELD #1

## BARCROFT FIELD #1

4200 S. Four Mile Run Dr.



- Permit Only
- Primarily used for Baseball
- Preferred for youth aged 12 and younger
- Practice, Game, and Tournament Field

YOUTH ONLY



ONLY



NATURAL



2019  
UTILIZATION

83%

HOURS

### SPRING 2019

Mar. 16- June 16 (13 weeks)

800

610 AVAILABLE HOURS

600

588

SCHEDULED HOURS

400

200

100

50

96%

### FALL 2019

Sept. 2 - Nov. 17 (11 weeks)

483 AVAILABLE HOURS

317

SCHEDULED HOURS

66%

# DRAFT UTILIZATION EXAMPLE – BOEING FIELD #3 AT LONG BRIDGE PARK

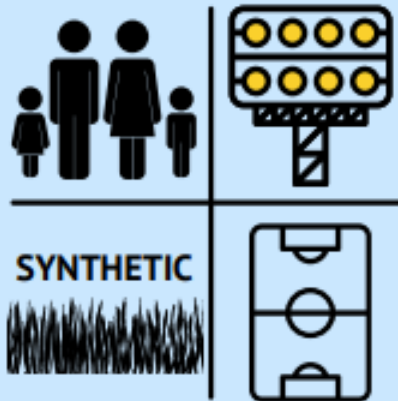
## BOEING FIELD #3

AT LONG BRIDGE PARK

475 Long Bridge Drive



- Permit Takes Priority
- Primarily used for soccer, ultimate, and lacrosse
- Preferred by youth and adults ages 9 and older
- Practice, Game, Event and Tournament Space

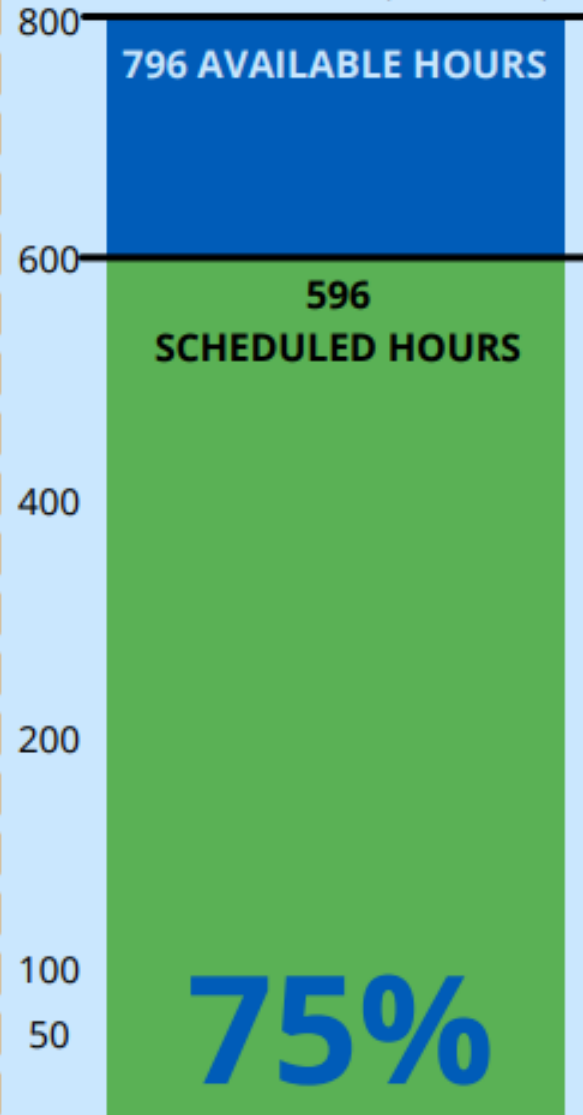


2019  
UTILIZATION  
**74%**

HOURS

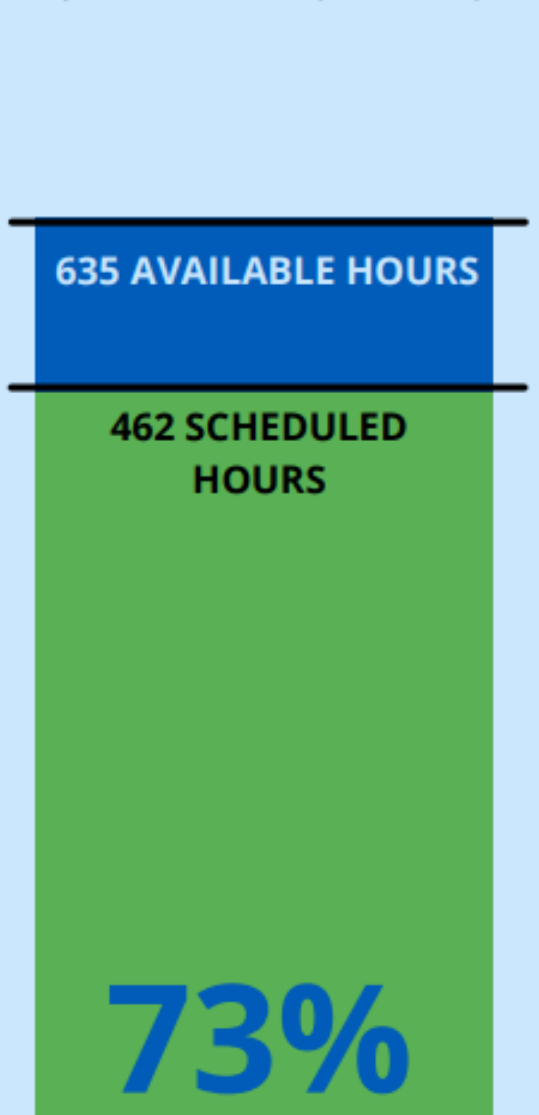
### SPRING 2019

Mar. 16- June 16 (13 weeks)



### FALL 2019

Sept. 2 - Nov. 17 (11 weeks)

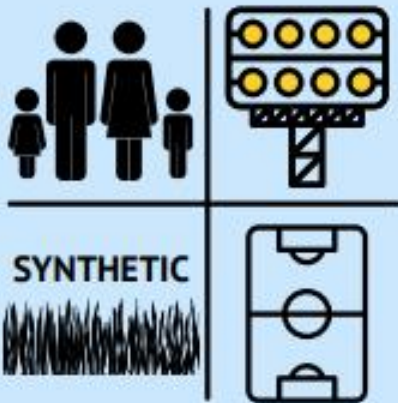


# DRAFT UTILIZATION EXAMPLE – STADIUM FIELD AT WASHINGTON LIBERTY

## STADIUM AT WASHINGTON-LIBERTY HS 1301 N. Stafford St.

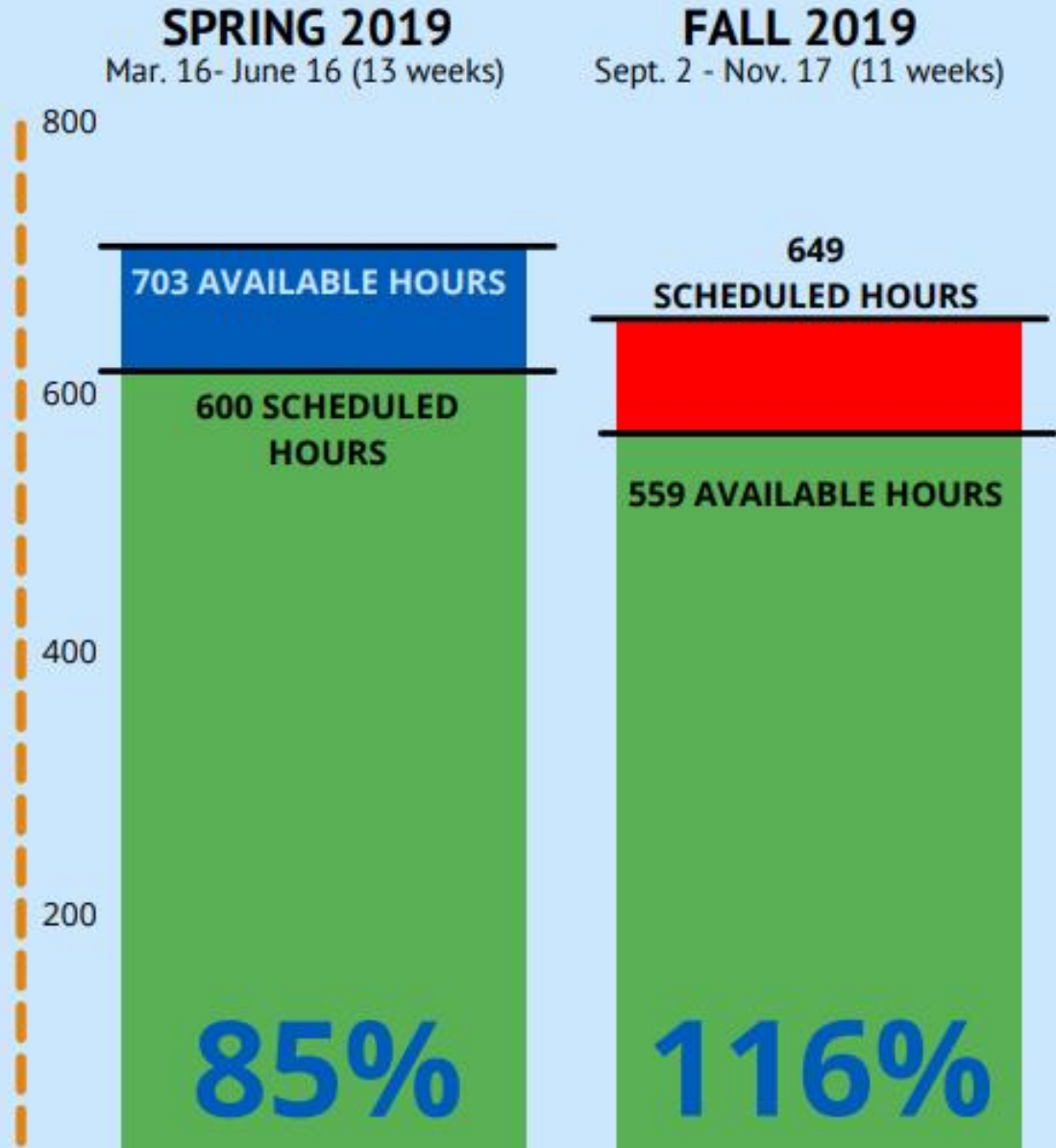


- Permit Takes Priority
- Primarily used for soccer, football, and field hockey
- Preferred by youth and adults ages 10 & older
- Practice, Game, Event and Tournament Space



2019  
UTILIZATION  
**99%**

HOURS





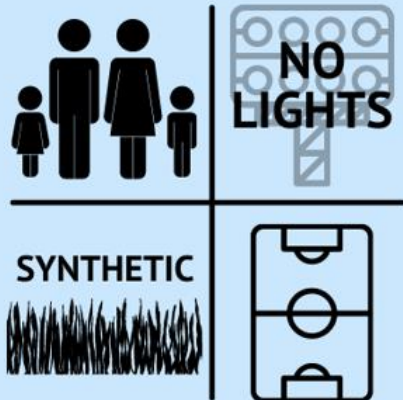
# DRAFT UTILIZATION EXAMPLE – WILLIAMSBURG FIELD #1

## WILLIAMSBURG #1

3600 N. Harrison St.

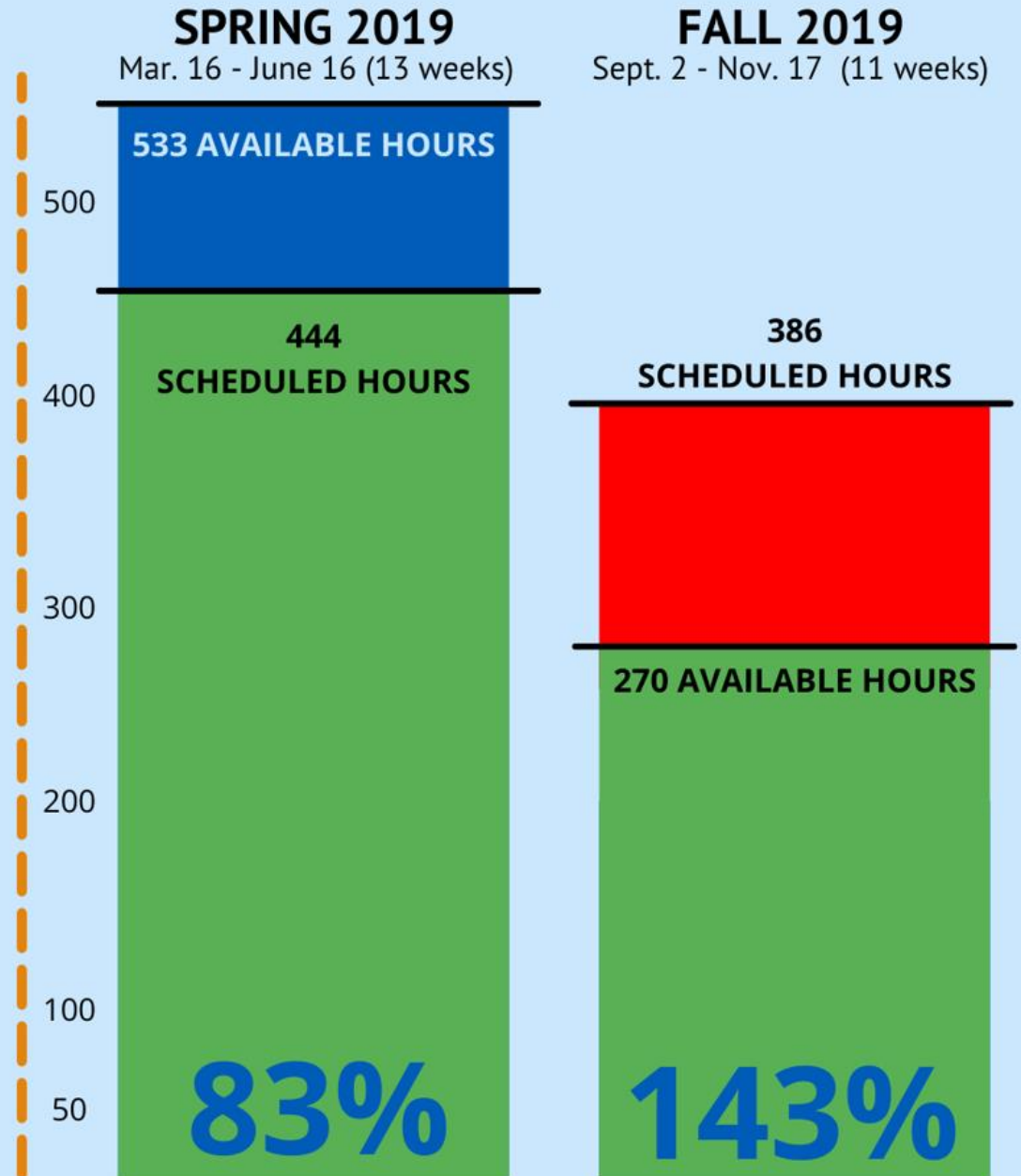


- Permit Takes Priority
- Primarily used for soccer, lacrosse, and ultimate
- Preferred for youth aged 8 and younger
- Practice and Game Field



2019  
UTILIZATION  
**103%**

HOURS



# DRAFT UTILIZATION EXAMPLE – ALCOVA HEIGHTS

## ALCOVA HEIGHTS

901 S George Mason Dr.



- Permit Takes Priority
- Primarily used for T-Ball and Softball
- Preferred for youth aged 8 and younger
- Practice and Game Field

YOUTH ONLY



ONLY



NATURAL



2019  
UTILIZATION

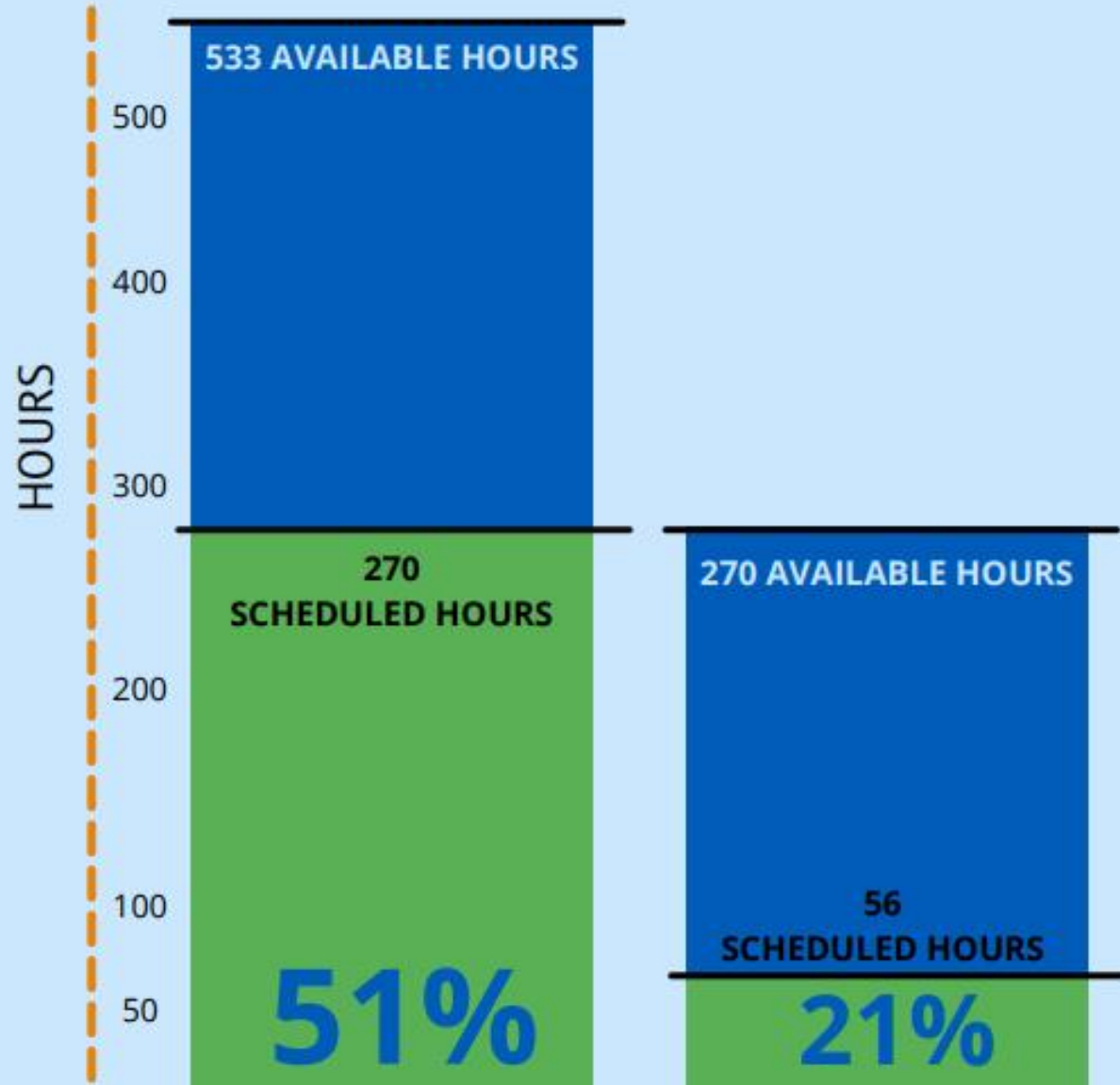
**41%**

### SPRING 2019

Mar. 16 - June 16 (13 weeks)

### FALL 2019

Sept. 2 - Nov. 17 (11 weeks)



# NEXT STEPS

## Confirmation of Athletic Field Use

- Following the second engagement, staff will explore opportunities to confirm use of athletic fields once fields are allocated to users.
- Staff will explore technology solutions, and opportunities to partner with youth sports organizations to confirm field use.

## Pilot Program

- In 2022, DPR will pilot a program where coaches and teams will check-in to their practice using an app, or other electronic form.

## NEXT STEPS

- A second and final public engagement opportunity will be released before the end of the calendar year.
- The second engagement will ask for feedback regarding:
  - The Athletic Field Availability Framework;
  - Athletic Field Utilization Examples; and
  - Present the new approach to drop-in time on athletic fields.
- Following this engagement, staff will return with a full process read-out and final steps towards completion of this process in spring 2022.

## Arlington Sports Commission

### 2021 Allocation of Constituent Representation

Constituent (Sports)	Commissioner Representing
Soccer, lacrosse	John Mingus
Flag and tackle football, ultimate frisbee	Justin Wilt
Baseball	George Thompson, Nancy Sharkey
Softball, field hockey	
Swim/dive	Kristi Sawert
Gymnastics	
Skateboarding, fencing, riflery	Sherry Kohan
Track, x-country, trail activities (walk, bike)	John Bacon
Court sports (tennis, pickleball)	Justin Wilt
Indoor sports (basketball, volleyball, ball and ice hockey)	Frank Tranfa
Constituent (Groups)	
Joint Facilities Advisory Committee	Kristi Sawert
Park and Recreation Commission Liaison	Drew Murray
Aquatics Committee Liaison	Kristi Sawert
E2C2 and Urban Forestry Commission Liaison	John Mingus
Underserved youth; differently-abled; Arlington Partnership for Children, Youth, and Families; Out-of-School Time Commission	Jessica Paska (lead), Megan Sheckles
Community Drop-In and Social Leagues (softball, kickball, bocce)	Megan Sheckles
College programs (GWU, Marymount)	
Adult and senior sports	Dave Tornquist
Not otherwise assigned sports and groups	
County Processes	
Public Spaces Working Group	Nancy Sharkey, Jason Despain
Field Fund Working Group	Dave Tornquist
Career Center Redesign	Kristi Sawert
Boat House	
Sports Commission Working Groups	
Communication Working Group	George Thompson, Justin Wilt
Combating Hate in Sports Working Group	Megan Sheckles, Texas Williams

### **Key questions for sports**

- 1) Impact of COVID (e.g, cancellations, reduction in participants)
- 2) Changes during COVID
- 3) Non-COVID challenges—either current or future
- 4) Ways Sports Commission could be helpful
- 5) Ways groups can help Sports Commission

### **Key Questions for groups/Processes**

- 1) Nexus with Sports Commission
- 2) Major upcoming issues