

Turf Field Priority - Usage Development Summary



Campus Recreation

From ASWOU, 2011 to Campus Recreation, 2017 -

This is a summary of the process Campus Recreation Administrators and Campus Recreation Advisory Committee developed the usage priority system to provide structure and equitable distribution of time for WOU students' informal individual/group recreation, Club and Intramural Sports, and the Athletic Department.

In 2011, the Turf Field hours and limitations for Athletics were decided by WOU's Vice President of Student Affairs, Athletic Department Representative, and ASWOU Senators through multiple meetings. Initially, the Athletic Department was to use only 2 hours per day [ASWOU Meeting Minutes April 5, 2011, 11.b.xi.C.7.III.a], the priority of the field would need to be determined [ASWOU Meeting Minutes April 5, 2011, 11.b.xi.C.7.II.a], no Athletics matches played on the turf field [ASWOU Meeting minutes April 5, 2011, 11.b.xi.C.7.V.b], and the hours of either 6-8 am or 1-3 pm for limited athletics usage were decided during the next meeting [ASWOU Meeting Minutes April 12, 2011, 10.c.c.ii.I]. Additionally, the ASWOU Senate Resolution 1.11 Sponsored by Senator Espinosa created the Turf Advisory Board overseeing the turf field usage before moving the referendum forward for students to vote.

Initially, the limited use by athletics during the first three years (2011-2014) of practice hours occurred mainly during weekday times (6-8 am and 1-3 pm) to limit the displacement of student usage. The following year, Campus Recreation Administration began noticing the Athletic Department practice hours were expanding into the late morning (6-10 am), afternoon (12-4 pm), and weekends. As a result, in 2015, Campus Recreation Administrators Prah and Horsey started requesting before each term Athletic Department teams turned in their practice times. Over the next year and a half (late 2015-2017), Athletic Department teams' usage was tracked. The result found that 6-9 am and 1-4 pm were the primary usage practice times requested by Athletic Department teams (Football, Women's Soccer, Cross Country, Track and Field, Baseball, and Softball).

During 2016-2017, Campus Recreation Administrators Main, Bergeland, and Horsey met with the groups and individuals listed below to discuss the Turf Field usage facility policy, usage desires, and opinions which developed the final report provided to the 2016-2017 Campus Recreation Advisory Committee.

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Vice President of Student Affairs – Gary Dukes

Athletic Department Coaches – Kellen Walker, Baseball and Lonny Sargent, Softball

Club Sports Student Presidents – Taylor Klus, Men's Lacrosse, Christopher Davis, Men's Rugby, Leslie Carrasco, Women's Rugby, and Nash Idler, Men's Soccer

Student-Athlete Representatives – Eleanor Jones and Selene Konyn, Women's Soccer (recommended by Randi Lydum)

ASWOU – Corbin Garner, Senate President, Nash Idler, Senator, Jason Haynes, Senator, Averi Graves, Senator, Jacob Cates, Senator, Cynthia Olivares, ASWOU President, Rachel Gries, Senator, Felicia Dickinson, Senator, Austin Davis, Parliamentarian, Lilaah Jones, Pro-Tempore, Haley Morris, Senator, Patrick Moser, Advisor, Kelly Flugum, Secretary, and Jessica Freeman, Judicial Administrator

Director of Athletic Facilities and Event Management – John Bartlett

Facilities Services Director and Assistant Director – Michael Smith and Jake Whisenhunt

Executive Director of Intercollegiate Athletics – Curtis Campbell

After a year and a half worth of statistical data analysis and conversations with numerous student and department stakeholders, and Vice President of Student Affairs guidance, the Campus Recreation Advisory Committee voted on the measure to establish a formal and understandable Turf Field priority of usage for weekday and weekend usage which expanded the original hours for the Athletic Department to (Monday-Friday; 6-9 am and 1-4 pm), provide Informal Recreation (Monday - Friday; 9 am-1 pm), provide Club and Intramural Sports (Monday - Friday; 4-11 pm), and Clubs and Intramural Sports, Informal Recreation, and Rentals (Saturday-Sunday; all-day) on May 19, 2017 [CRAC 5-19-2017 minutes]. In attendance - Tashawna Wright, Frank Calzada III, Preston Neumann, student members; Angela Barry, Rob Troyer, Faculty and Staff members; Melissa Bergeland, Rip Horsey, ex officio members. The motion passed 5-0-0.

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday	Sunday
6:00-9:00am Athletics	6:00-9:00am Athletics	6:00-9:00am Athletics	6:00-9:00am Athletics	6:00-9:00am Athletics	6:00 am – 11:00 pm Club and IM Sports, Informal Rec, and Rentals	6:00 am – 11:00 pm Club and IM Sports, Informal Rec, and Rentals
9:00am-1:00pm Informal Rec	9:00am-1:00pm Informal Rec	9:00am-1:00pm Informal Rec	9:00am-1:00pm Informal Rec	9:00am-1:00pm Informal Rec		
1:00-4:00pm Athletics	1:00-4:00pm Athletics	1:00-4:00pm Athletics	1:00-4:00pm Athletics	1:00-4:00pm Athletics		
4:00-11:00pm Club and IM Sports	4:00-11:00pm Club and IM Sports	4:00-11:00pm Club and IM Sports	4:00-11:00pm Club and IM Sports	4:00-11:00pm Club and IM Sports		

User Groups	Weekday Usage Amounts	Number of Students
Informal Rec – All students	20 hours/week	4833
Club and IM Sports	35 hours/week	113
Athletics	30 hours/week	250

The Lifetime Turf Field Usage Report (2011-2017) culminated five years of discussions, meetings, tracking, and careful student, staff, and faculty input. The goal was to eliminate the need to alter or change schedules on a term basis to provide each user group with set times.

As with any limited resource, everyone wanted more, and Campus Recreation understood that issue. We also understood the Athletic Department's desire to do what is best for WOU student-athletes. Additionally, Campus Recreation's responsibility is to do what is best for the Club and Intramural Sports programs and the rest of the student body who have the majority stake in the Turf Field.

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Campus Recreation and Athletics, 2017 – 2024

In 2019, the Athletic Department requested two alterations to the morning requested times initially from 6:00-9:00 am to 6:30-9:30 am which reduced the Informal Recreation time to 30 minutes per day to 9:30 am-1 pm and secondarily from 6:00-9:00 am to 6:00 am-12:00 pm, which reduced the Informal Recreation time 2 hours per day to 12:00-1:00 pm. During the December 2, 2019, Campus Recreation Advisory Committee deliberated the request to adjust morning practice times to 6:30-9:30 am was approved and 6:00 am-12:00 pm request was voted down [CRAC 12-2-2019]. In attendance - Meghan Drader, Brianna Jones, Sarah Texter, student members; Rob Troyer, Michelle Sides, Faculty and Staff members; Zach Hammerle, Andy Main, and Rip Horsey, ex officio members. The motion passed 4-0-0 (with the chair not voting).

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday	Sunday
6:30-9:30am Athletics	6:30-9:30am Athletics	6:30-9:30am Athletics	6:30-9:30am Athletics	6:30-9:30am Athletics	6:00 am – 11:00 pm Club and IM Sports, Informal Rec, and Rentals	6:00 am – 11:00 pm Club and IM Sports, Informal Rec, and Rentals
9:30am-1:00pm Informal Rec	9:30am-1:00pm Informal Rec	9:30am-1:00pm Informal Rec	9:30am-1:00pm Informal Rec	9:30am-1:00pm Informal Rec		
1:00-4:00pm Athletics	1:00-4:00pm Athletics	1:00-4:00pm Athletics	1:00-4:00pm Athletics	1:00-4:00pm Athletics		
4:00-11:00pm Club and IM Sports	4:00-11:00pm Club and IM Sports	4:00-11:00pm Club and IM Sports	4:00-11:00pm Club and IM Sports	4:00-11:00pm Club and IM Sports		

User Groups	Weekday Usage Amounts	Number of Students
Informal Rec – All students	17.5 hours/week	4648
Club and IM Sports	35 hours/week	150
Athletics	30 hours/week	173

In 2023, the Athletic Department requested that we expand the afternoon hours to accommodate the NCAA Men's Soccer team (formed in 2022) from 1:00-4:00 pm to 12:00-4:00 pm and adjust the morning practice times from 6:30-9:30 am to 7:30-10:15 am for the NCAA Football program. Campus Recreation Administrators Main and Horsey worked through several scenarios to try and see how this would affect the Informal Recreation usage and Maintenance times for the Turf Field. An agreement was made to allow this for the Fall 2023 season by the Athletic Department and Campus Recreation Administrators Main and Horsey.

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6:30-9:30am Athletics	6:30-9:30am Athletics	6:30-9:30am Athletics	6:30-9:30am Athletics	6:30-9:30am Athletics	6:00 am – 11:00 pm Club and IM Sports, Athletics, Informal Rec, and Rentals	6:00 am – 11:00 pm Club and IM Sports, Athletics, Informal Rec, and Rentals
9:30am-12:00pm Informal Rec	9:30am-12:00pm Informal Rec	9:30am-12:00pm Informal Rec	9:30am-12:00pm Informal Rec	9:30am-12:00pm Informal Rec		
12:00-4:00pm Athletics	12:00-4:00pm Athletics	12:00-4:00pm Athletics	12:00-4:00pm Athletics	12:00-4:00pm Athletics		
4:00-11:00pm Club and IM Sports	4:00-11:00pm Club and IM Sports	4:00-11:00pm Club and IM Sports	4:00-11:00pm Club and IM Sports	4:00-11:00pm Club and IM Sports		

User Groups	Weekday Usage Amounts	Number of Students
Informal Rec – All students	12.5 hours/week	3343
Club and IM Sports	35 hours/week	160
Athletics	35 hours/week	205

During the Fall 2023 season, the NCAA Men's program moved all their games onto the Turf Field and the NCAA Women's program moved some of their games onto the Turf Field. This caused the Club Sports teams to adjust their home match schedules and last-minute practice schedules during the week due to double-headed NCAA matches extending past 4:00 pm.

Campus Recreation and Athletics, 2024 – 2025

The Athletic Department requests alterations to the week and weekend schedules for 2024-2025. The weekday morning request is to expand the morning hours from 6:30-9:30 am to 6:30 am-12:00 pm while reducing their afternoon request from 12:00-4:00 pm to 2:00-4:00 pm. Additionally, they are asking to play all 16+ NCAA Men's and Women's home matches on the Turf Field during the weekdays and weekends. During the June 10, 2024, Campus Recreation Advisory Committee deliberated the two requests. The CRAC approved adjusting weekday practice times to 6-9:30 am and 12:00-4:00 pm. The CRAC approved weekend priority scheduling exclusively for Club and Intramural Sports first with Informal Rec, Rentals, and NCAA Soccer matches scheduled afterward in that priority order. In attendance – Sam Sanders, Macy Clemens, Cedar Davis-Frankfort, Darien Kealoha-Albarado, Dylan Van Horn student members; Rob Troyer, Michelle Sides, Faculty and Staff members; Randi Lydum, Executive Director of Athletics, Andy Main, and Rip Horsey, ex officio members. The weekday motion passed 6-0-0 (with the chair not voting) and the weekend motion passed 5-1-0.

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6:00-9:30am Athletics	6:00-9:30am Athletics	6:00-9:30am Athletics	6:00-9:30am Athletics	6:00-9:30am Athletics	6:00 am – 11:00 pm Club and IM Sports, Informal Rec, Rentals, and Athletics	6:00 am – 11:00 pm Club and IM Sports, Informal Rec, Rentals, and Athletics
9:30am-12pm Informal Rec	9:30am-12pm Informal Rec	9:30am-12pm Informal Rec	9:30am-12pm Informal Rec	9:30am-12pm Informal Rec		
12:00-4:00pm Athletics	12:00-4:00pm Athletics	12:00-4:00pm Athletics	12:00-4:00pm Athletics	12:00-4:00pm Athletics		
4:00-11:00pm Club and IM Sports	4:00-11:00pm Club and IM Sports	4:00-11:00pm Club and IM Sports	4:00-11:00pm Club and IM Sports	4:00-11:00pm Club and IM Sports		

User Groups	Weekday Usage Amounts	Number of Students (est. from 2024)
Informal Rec – All students	12.5 hours/week	3343
Club and IM Sports	35 hours/week	160
Athletics	37.5 hours/week	205