

ASSET TARGETS

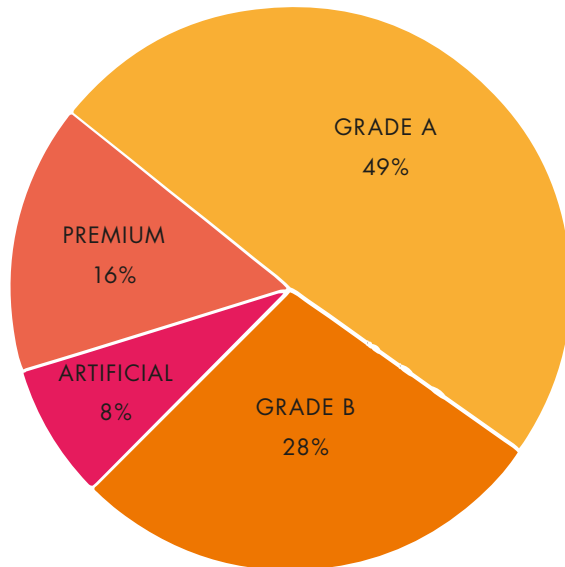
FIELD SPORTS

While the number and distribution of fields is good, there is a need to improve quality to accommodate increasing demand, especially for tournament hosting.

The Vancouver Field Sports Federation has identified a lack of supply of grouped fields for event/tournament hosting, or "sports hubs."

Improving the quality of and capacity of fields will help accommodate more intensive use. Investment in drainage and irrigation, and ensuring the size and quality of the fields matches the type and intensity of use can result in more fields of a higher grade throughout the year. Industry standards indicate that a lit synthetic turf field can accommodate up to 105 hours of use per week (including approximately 48 prime time hours on weekends and evenings). A turf grass field can accommodate 12–14 hours of play per week and requires seasonal closures for field recovery.

TURF COMPOSITION



*Source: Turf and Horticulture Booklet and Study – this grade relates to turf and soil rating, not sport facility classification.



Asset Needs

- Undertake a comprehensive review of all fields to determine condition and category (as defined by playability and hosting ability) and to engage the public in considering asset targets, sustainability goals, and recommendations around synthetic turf playing fields (Field Sports Strategy).
- Continue to work with the Vancouver Field Sports Federation and user groups to determine needs, improve equitable access, and improve efficient use of field space.
 - Known priorities include:
 - Two new co-located synthetic turf fields for field hockey use; and
 - Fields to accommodate additional football and rugby.
 - Consider conversion of existing all weather gravel fields to turf or artificial turf. Those with existing lights should be prioritised and considered for synthetic turf to maximise playable hours.
 - Continue to seek opportunities to create sport hubs of two or more co-located fields.
 - Continue to partner with the Vancouver School Board to improve access to school fields.

Service Needs

- Create a Field Allocation Policy to facilitate equitable access to fields and support sport development.

2040 Asset Targets

- Increase the available hours of play by 25%.
- Increase the number of Grade A* or higher, turf fields by 15%.