

City of Toronto Cricket Reference Group

Meeting 4 – Thursday October 21st, 2021

Meeting Start: 7:00 p.m.



Land Acknowledgement

I'd like to begin by honouring the land that I'm on. If you are not currently in Toronto, I encourage you to learn about the lands you're on.

We acknowledge the land we are meeting on is the traditional territory of many nations including the Mississaugas of the Credit, the Anishnabeg, the Chippewa, the Haudenosaunee and the Wendat peoples and is now home to many diverse First Nations, Inuit and Métis peoples. We also acknowledge that Toronto is covered by Treaty 13 with the Mississaugas of the Credit.



**Thank you for being
with us again!**

Agenda



Welcome Back, Introductions, and Webex Tips



Announcements & Updates



Cricket Field Design Details



Growing a Growing Sport



Next Steps

thank
you!

Adjourn at 8:30 pm



Meeting Participation



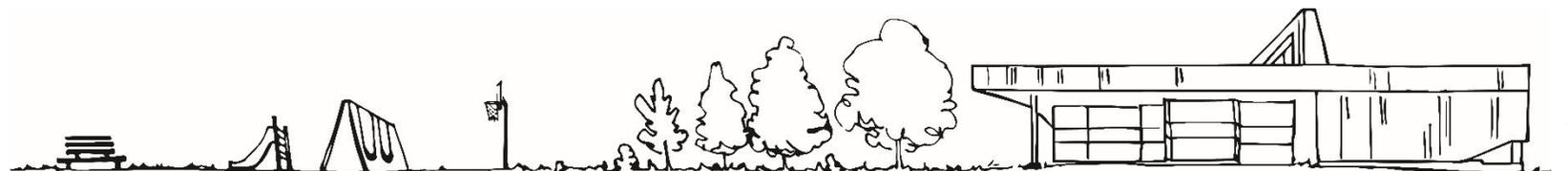
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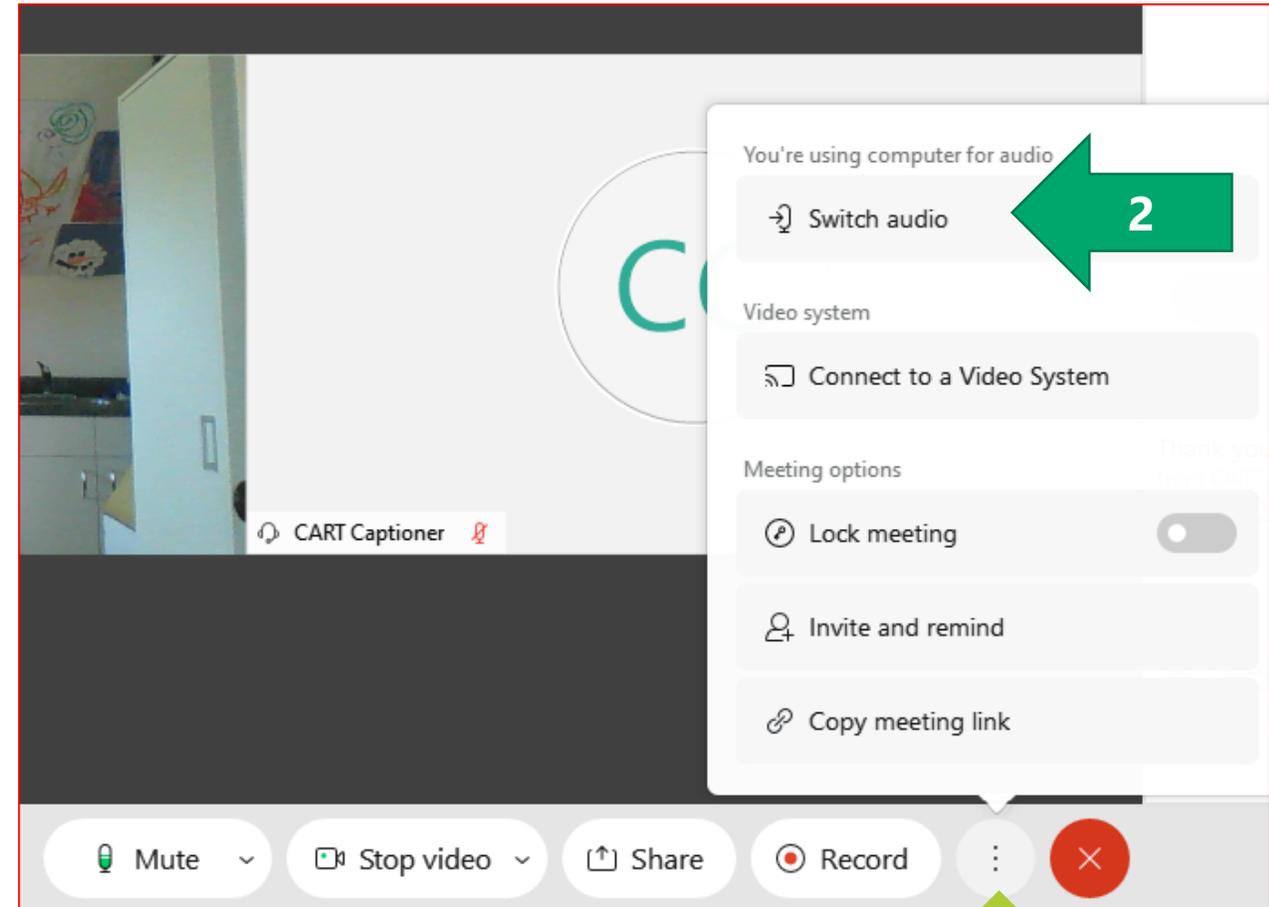


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Parks Forestry & Recreation Staff

Alex Lavasidis – Sr. Public Consultation Coordinator
Cathy Hargraves – Manager, Client Services
Cathy Vincelli – Manager, Community Recreation
Kathleen Stevens – Landscape Technologist
Kelly Murphy – Manager, Policy & System Planning
Mari Caravaggio – Business Development Officer
Pamela Ferrante – Supervisor, Client Services
Paul Farrish – Manager, Park Planning
Peter White – Manager, Parks Toronto East York
Shafeeq Armstrong – Urban Fellow **new!**
Susan Fall – Supervisor, System Planning
Teresa Liu – Planner, Development & Design



Cricket Organizations

Abdool Mudassar Samad - Superstar Colts Coach
Abu Rubaid Alam - Bangla Warriors Cricket Club
Akshay Pandya - Cricket Canada Masters Council
Amir Butt - Toronto Police Cricket Club
Azeem Khan - Ontario Twilight Softball Cricket League
Dharmwandra Kumar Jaipersaud - Ontario Softball Cricket League
Heather Mitchell - Community Sport Collective (*formerly Toronto Sports Council*)
Kannan Rajagopal – Cricket Player
Keith Deonaraine - Cricket Canada
Melvin John – Ontario Cricket Association **new!**
Mohammed Shaikh - Toronto & District Cricket Association
Praim Persaud - Brampton-Etobicoke and District Cricket League
Qhinathullah Mohammed - Greater Toronto Cricket Club
Ranil Mendis - CIMA
Shah Saleem Zafar - Cricket Ontario
Shiv Persaud - Scarborough Cricket Association
Wendy Kane - Global T20 Canada

Updates & Announcements

Opportunity for all members to share cricket news

Terry Fox Park



July 2020



October 2021

Ellesmere Reservoir - North



Before



October 2021

Ellesmere Reservoir - South



- Project moved into 2022 with new Capital Project Manager.

October 2021

Cedervale Park



- Pitch improvement planned



Centennial Park Master Plan

- Final staff report : October 26th Infrastructure & Environment Committee
- Report identifies a new cricket field
 - Field could be installed by 2024 at the earliest (On-going pipeline work and hydro tower repairs is anticipated into ~2023)
- Plan also proposes a washroom in the cricket / baseball diamond area (funding source not yet identified)
- <http://app.toronto.ca/tmmis/viewAgendaItemHistory.do?item=2021.IE25.10>

Cricket Stadium in Brampton?

- Brampton considering building the stadium at the CAA Centre and Sports Park, which would be used for local, national, and international tournaments.
- 5000 fixed-seating with possibility to expand with an additional 20,000 temporary seating
- The design of the stadium could begin before the end of the year, with construction potentially beginning in 2022.

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Brampton considering building \$35 million cricket stadium

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By **Matt Dionne**
Published October 5, 2021 at 3:09 pm

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A \$35 million, state-of-the-art cricket stadium could be coming to Brampton.

Toronto Police Services Hosted NYPD on September 18th



Congratulations Azeem!

Ontario Twilight Softball
Cricket League recognized
by the Guyana Consul
General and featured in the
Guyana Chronicle

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Consul General lauds efforts to launch Over-60 softball league

By Staff Reporter | August 3, 2021

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CONSUL General (ag) Gerald Whyte (left) with OTSCL executives Azeem Khan, Dickey Singh and Feizal Bacchus.

By Frederick Halley

CONSUL General (ag) to Toronto, Gerald Whyte, was among those present when the Ontario Twilight Softball Cricket League (OTSCL) made its official launch on Saturday at Littles Diamond school ground, Scarborough, Toronto.

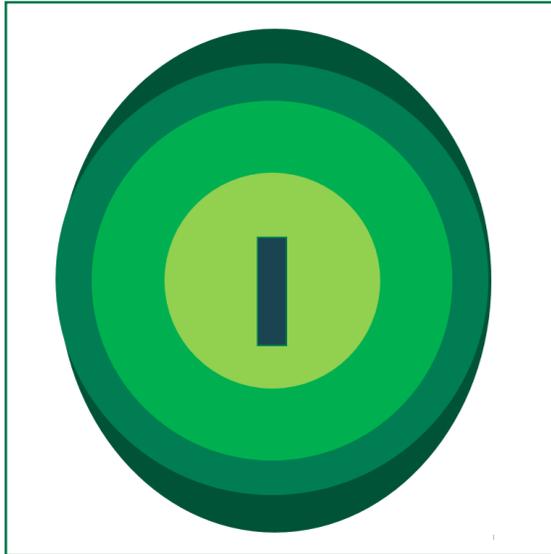
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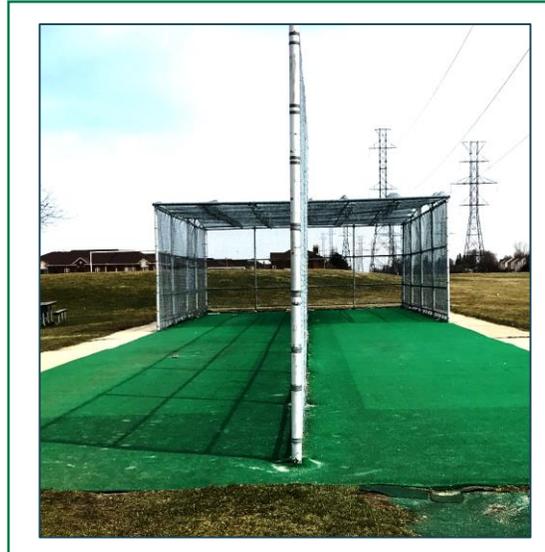
Design Standards

Design Standards Discussion Summary

Field & Pitch



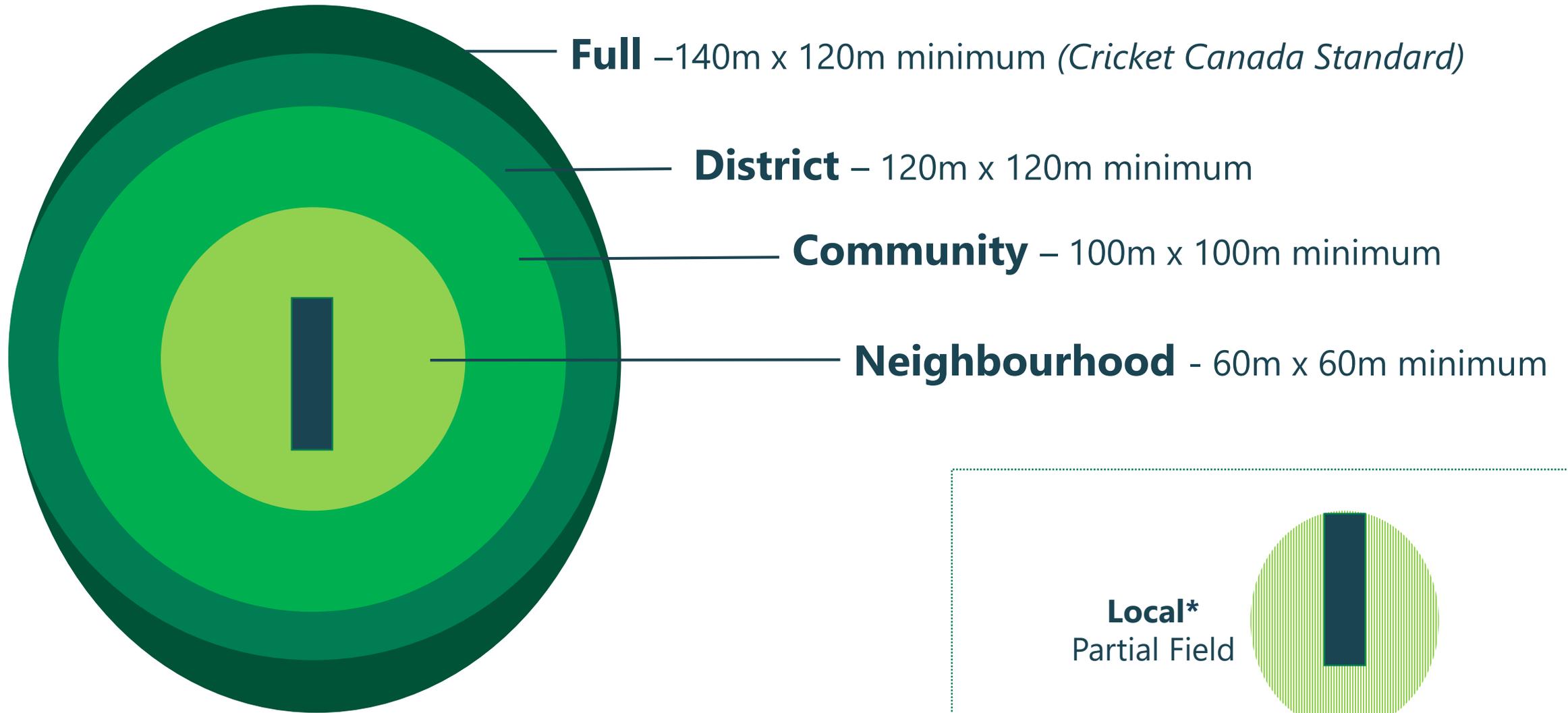
Practice Pitches



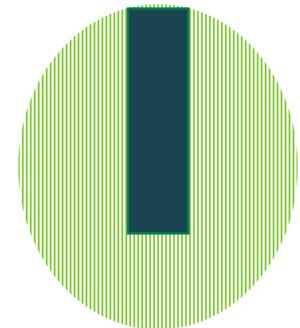
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Proposed Typology– Field Typology (minimum size)

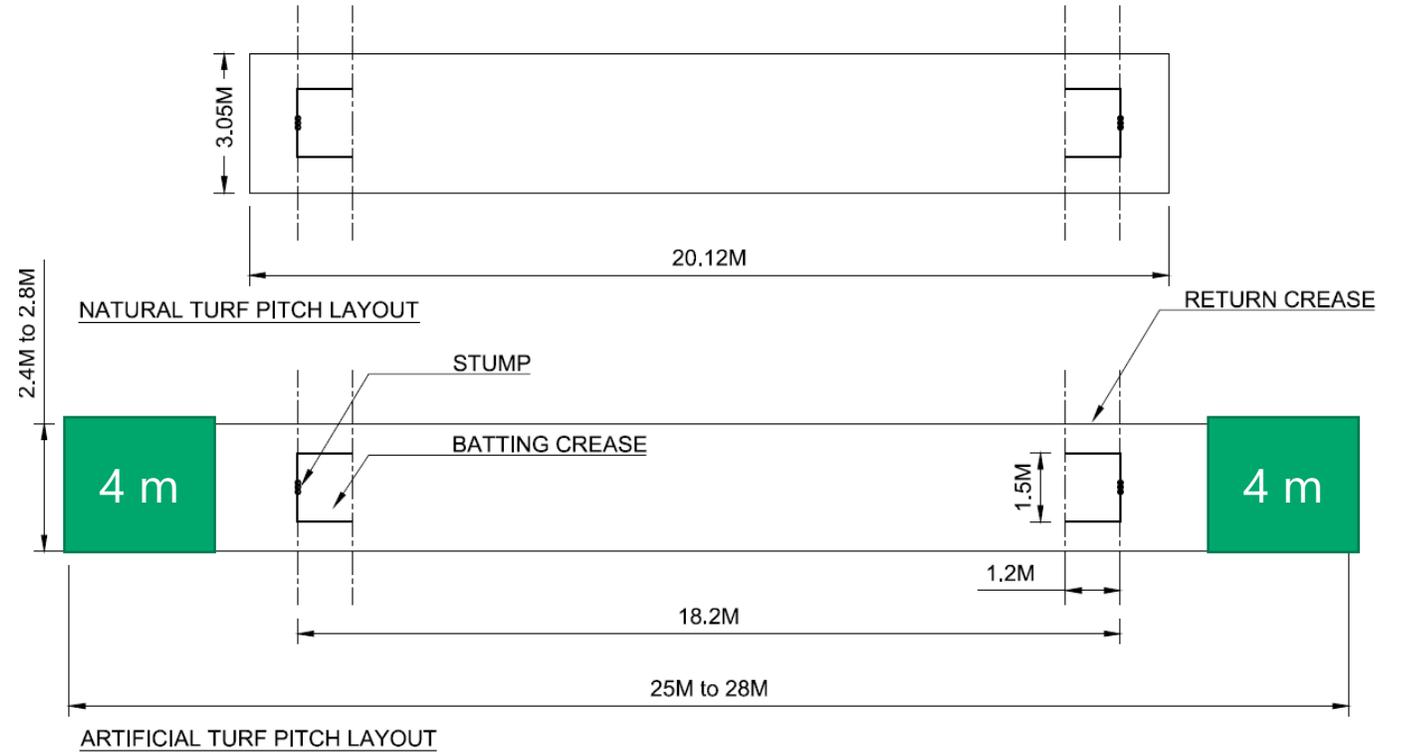


Local*
Partial Field



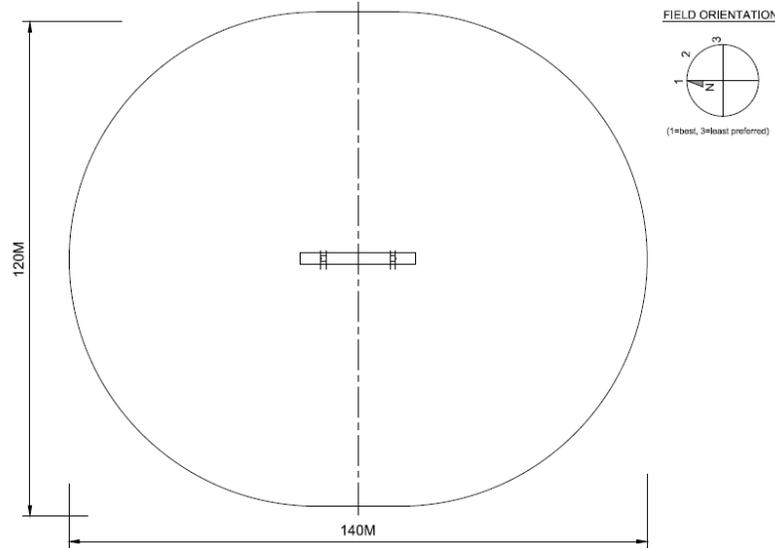
** NB Local fields are not a priority of the Cricket Strategy and would typically reflect non-permitted opportunities*

Run Up Area

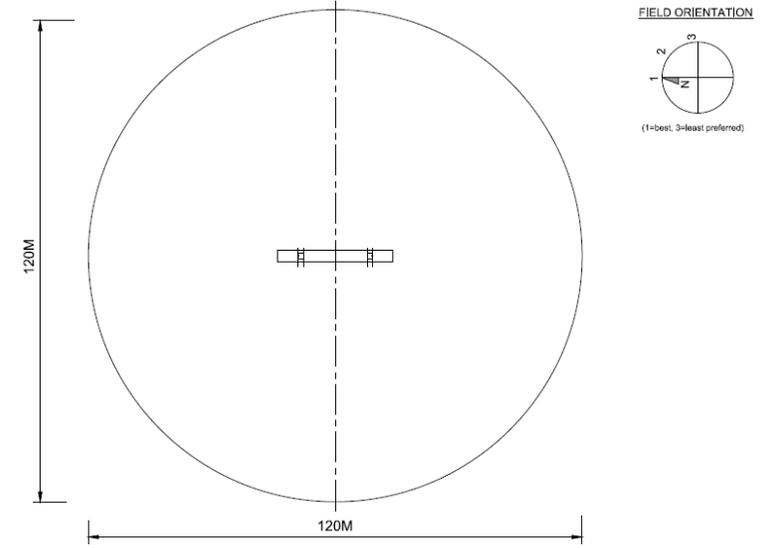


Is 4 metres enough of a run up to avoid turf erosion?

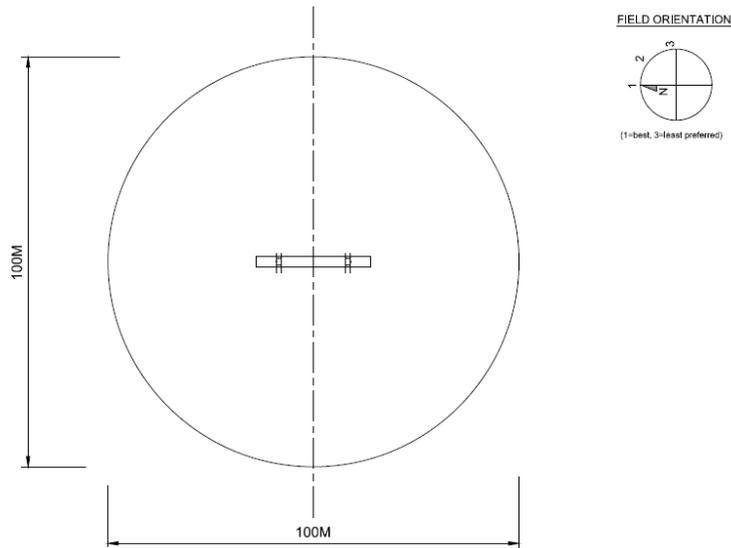
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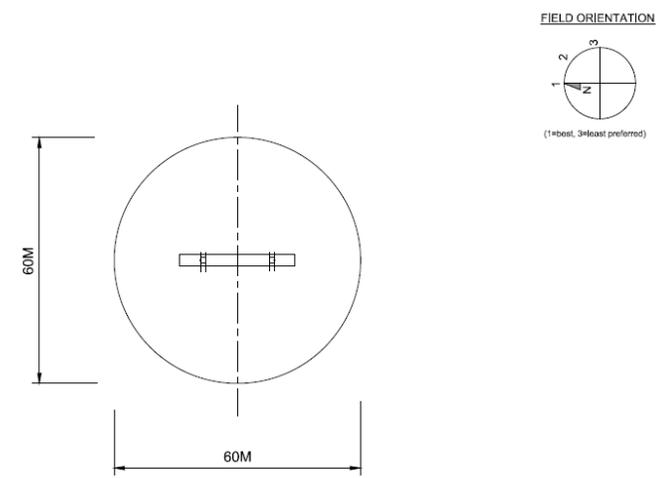
Full –140m x 120m minimum (*Cricket Canada Standard*)



District–120m x 120m minimum



Community–100m x 100m minimum



Neighbourhood –60m x 60m minimum

Practice Pitches



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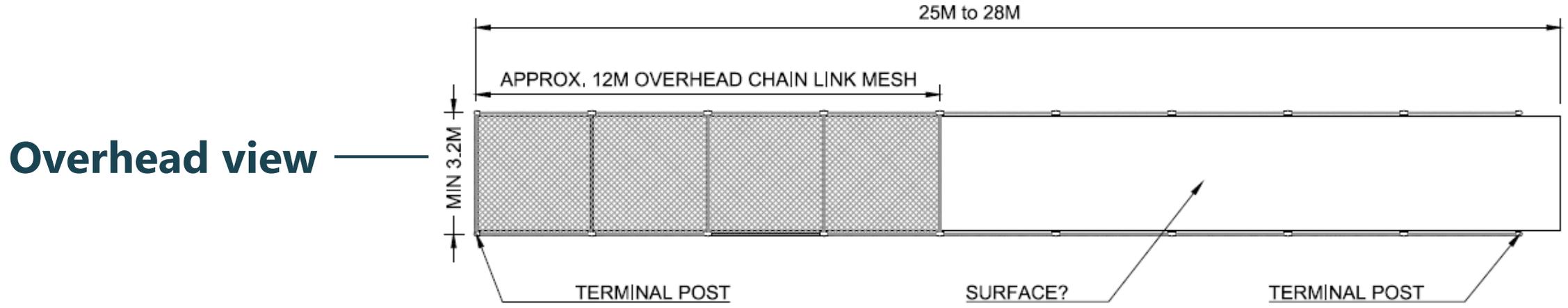
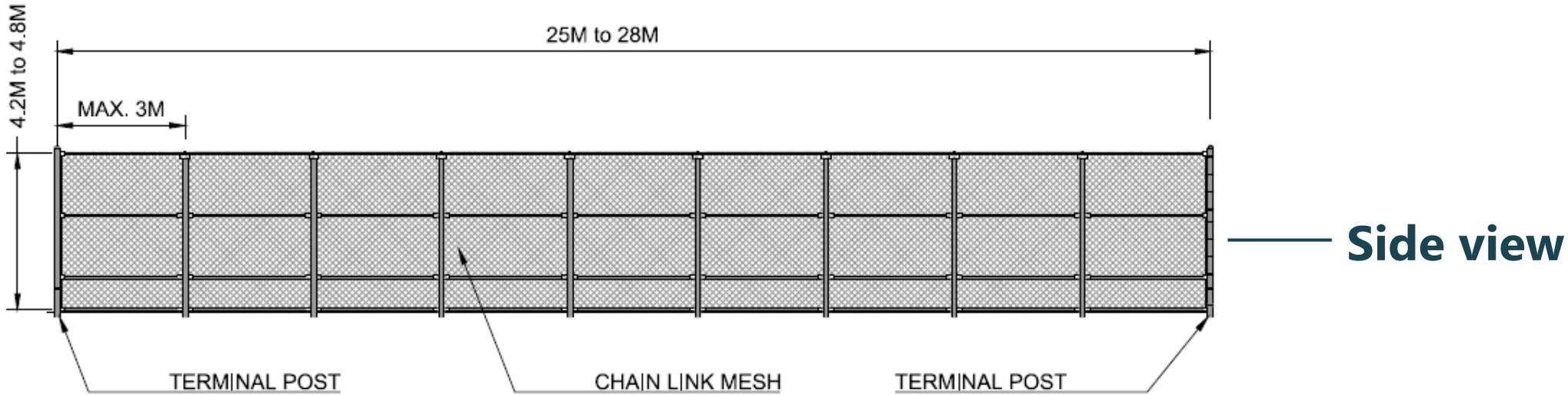
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**A variety of
practice pitch
designs ...**

Practice Pitches





Where are screens most needed?



Growing the Sport

... and supporting an already growing sport

Measuring the Sport

Measuring Growth – Trends in Major Leagues (Provided by CCO)

League	2011	2012	2013	2014	2015	2016	2017	2018	2019	2020	2021
Brampton Etobicoke & District Cricket League	118	105	119	129	134	145	140	149	156	108	174
Toronto District Cricket Association	123	116	138	127	104	151	135	136	124	42	106
Scarborough Cricket Association	27	31	30	30	21	56	72	68	66	50	91
TOTAL	268	252	287	286	259	352	347	353	346	200	371
% Change Y/Y		-6%	14%	0%	-9%	36%	-1%	2%	-2%	-42%	86%

* Pandemic *

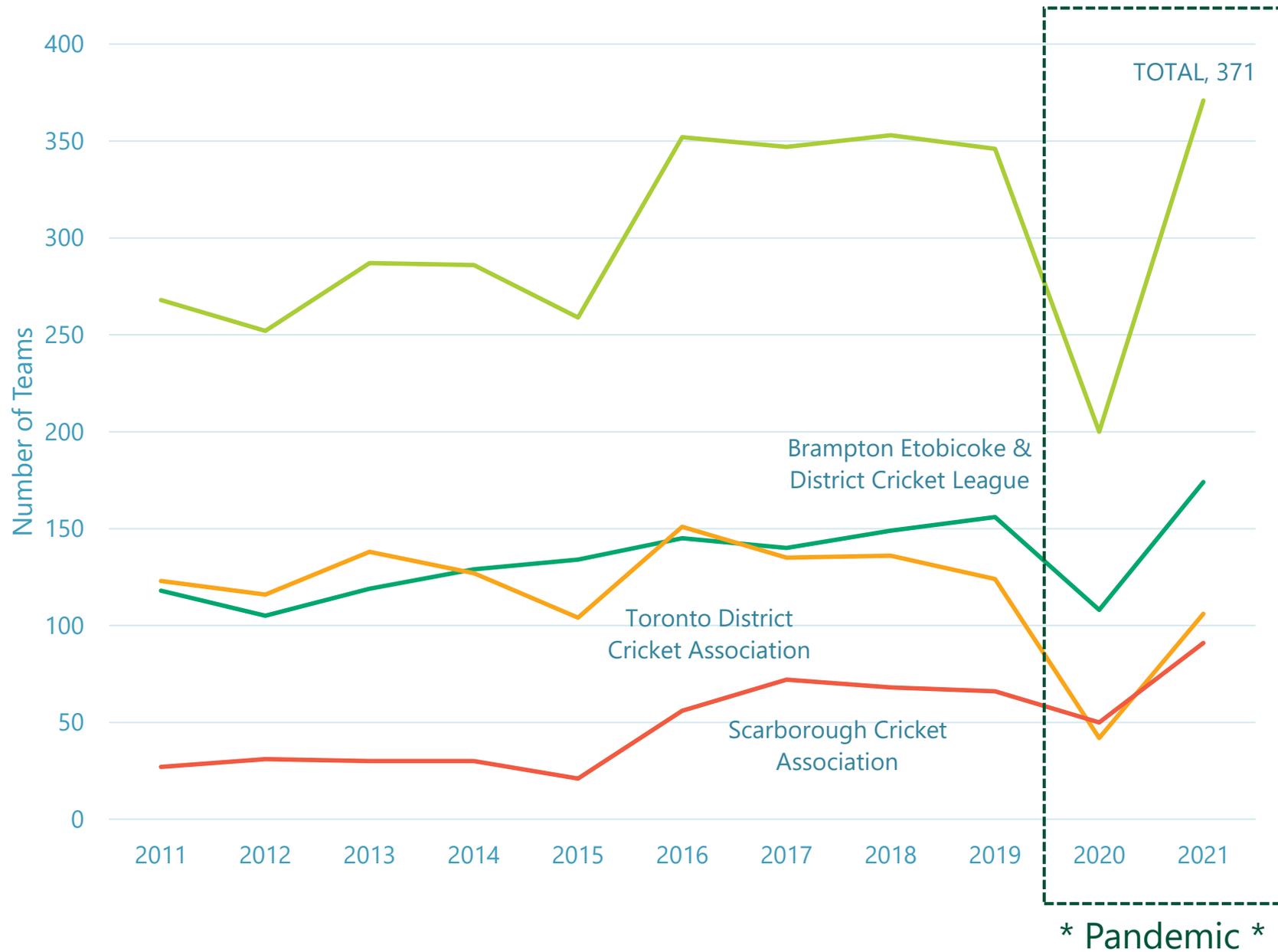
Cricket Teams Playing Major Leagues in Toronto +38% in 10 years



The CCO is affiliated with Cricket Canada, a body incorporated under the Law of Canada, on April 1, 1968, as well as the International Cricket Council. Cricket Council of Ontario is the officially recognized governing body for Cricket in the Province of Ontario which is home to more than 80% Cricket in Canada.

Numbers include teams participating in youth, women, age 50+ and adults over 19 years old cricket competition
 Represent leagues that are full members of the Provincial Sport Organization (PSO)
 All numbers are organized competitive league format
 Numbers were extracted from each league's website

Measuring Growth – Participation by Major League



Measuring Growth – Trends in Softball Cricket

League	2011	2012	2013	2014	2015	2016	2017	2018	2019	2020	2021
Ontario Softball Cricket League	26	26	23	25	22	21	19	18	16	0	12
Ontario Round Arm Softball Cricket Association		13	15	16	22	26	24	23	14	18	18
Canadian Softball Cricket Association							17	18	16	12	7
Canadian Premier Softball Cricket League										7	15
Ontario Masters Softball Cricket Clubs	27	27	28	28	26	28	26	29	25	0	20
Amra Canadian Bangladeshi											16
TOTAL	53	66	66	69	70	75	86	88	71	37	88
% Change Y/Y		25%	0	5%	1.5%	7%	15%	2%	-19%	-48%	138%

Approximately 60 additional teams involved in tape ball and tennis ball in different GTA communities

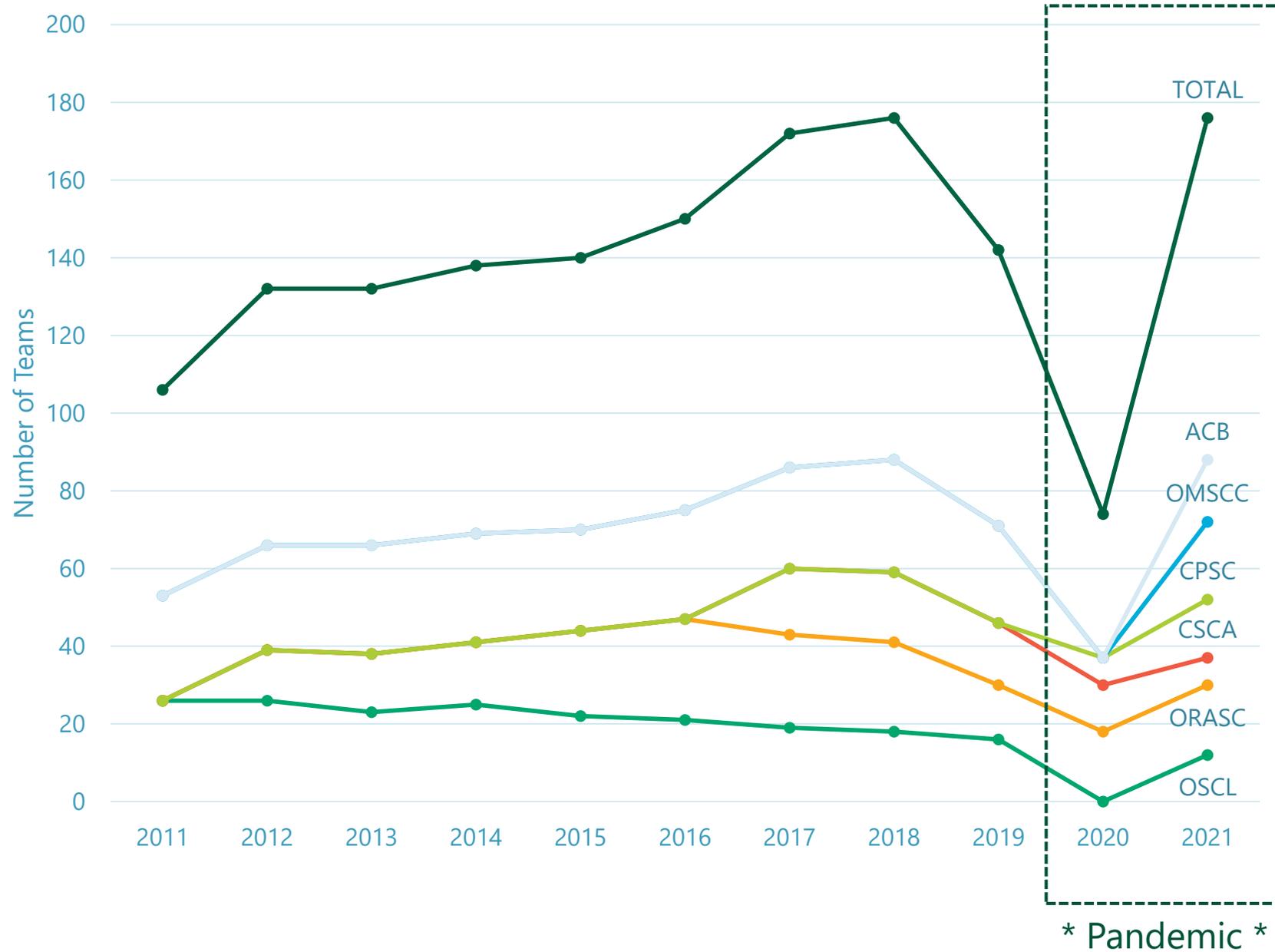
Teams Playing Softball Cricket in Toronto +66% in 10 years

* Pandemic *



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Measuring Growth – Participation in Softball Cricket Leagues



What data can your organisation share to help us better understand player demographics?

What other team/league trends should we be aware of?

Growing the Sport

Mandate of the Cricket Reference Group

Cricket Reference Group - Terms of Reference

The purpose of these Terms of Reference (TOR) is to define the Cricket Reference Group's role and responsibilities, its authority, its membership and meeting procedures.

1. Mandate

The Cricket Reference Group (CRG) will aim to provide perspective, guidance and expert advice to the City of Toronto Parks, Forestry & Recreation (PFR) Division on **building organizational capacity and increasing access to community cricket programs and facilities¹ across the city**. This non-political advisory body will inform the development of the City's [Cricket Strategy](#).

The CRG is accountable to represent and serve the needs of cricket players and organizations in Toronto.

Build
Organizational
Capacity

Increase
Access to
Community
Cricket
Facilities

Increase
Access to
Community
Cricket
Programs

Growing the Sport – Our conversation in June ...

Partnerships:

- The City should **partner with Professional Sports Organizations (PSO)** to capitalize on existing PSO development plans, community outreach programs, and relationships with existing organizations to grow and promote the sport.
- **Improve outreach to connect people between City programs and different leagues.**

Staff and coaches:

- Additional **staff training** on the technical aspects of cricket is needed.

Programming:

- **Year-round programs** to keep children engaged in cricket and team building through the winter.
- It is important to provide cricket programs with **different levels of technical expertise** and training.
- Consider how to administer these programs starting with the PSO.

Raising Awareness:

- **See cricket as a mainstream sport** – treat it like other sports for infrastructure & financial planning, park creation, teaching all kids how to play, providing opportunity for all ages, genders and abilities to play.
- Consider cross promotion at different sport events
- Maximize the use of mailing lists, technology, social media and different platforms.

Growing the Sport – Introductory Cricket Model

To grow the sport, the City is looking to develop a 9-week introductory cricket program model.

Would you be willing to work with the City on developing a 9-week introductory cricket program model?

If yes, please use the "raise hand" feature or type your organisation name in the chat.



Are there any community clubs or organizations that would benefit from hosting a National Coaching Certificate Program (NCCCP) community cricket session, at no charge?



Growing the Sport – Diversity of Players

It is important for the City to promote a growth in Cricket for a diversity of players, including:

- Women/Girls
- Youth
- Seniors
- Adaptive/Inclusive programs (for people w/special needs/disabilities)

Can your organization share data about the makeup of players in leagues & programs?

What is your organization doing to encourage a diversity of players?

What opportunities do you see for increasing diverse participation in cricket?



Growing the Sport – Partnerships and More

At the previous CRG meeting we heard that to increase partnerships and grow the sport:

- The City should **partner with Professional Sports Organizations (PSO)** to capitalize on existing PSO development plans, community outreach programs, and relationships with existing organizations to grow and promote the sport.
- **Improve outreach to connect people between City programs and different leagues.**

What are other potential partnership opportunities for the City?

*E.g. secure equipment for introductory programs,
offering assistance with try-it events, etc.*

Next Steps

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- **If you have any other ideas for growing the sport of Cricket in the City of Toronto**, or additional feedback on tonight's discussion, please email Susan Fall by October 31: susan.fall@toronto.ca
- Staff will circulate a **meeting summary** within next few weeks
 - Please review and provide any edits
- Staff to research and pursue the ideas, opportunities & options discussed
- **Next meeting** – late November/early December
 - CRG to discuss overview of the Cricket Strategy .. A report to Committee anticipated in Q1 2022
 - End of the Year reflection on the CRG and goals for 2022



HAVE A NICE DAY

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