

PERTH AND KINROSS COUNCIL

Environment Committee

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CHARGING CRITERIA FOR PARKS EVENTS AND FOOTBALL BOOKINGS

Report by Depute Director (Environment)

The report seeks approval to amend the charges and the charging criteria for events and football pitch bookings on parks and greenspace in Perth and Kinross; to ensure commercial events are charged according to their use of greenspace sites; and to simplify the charging arrangements for football pitch bookings.

1. BACKGROUND / MAIN ISSUESEvents

- 1.1 Parks and green spaces managed and maintained by the Council add to the quality of life experienced by residents in the area and visitors to Perth and Kinross. They are a focal point for communities, and their importance to people's everyday lives is widely recognised.
- 1.2 Commercial and non-commercial events in Parks attract thousands of residents and visitors to the area. New and repeat event visitors bring important economic benefit to local businesses and add vibrancy to the area. Key Park events include the Perth Show, Scottish Volleyball Championships and Highland Games across Perthshire.
- 1.3 As well as being a driver for tourism, a strong programme of events and festivals adds to the vibrancy and vitality of the area, and to the overall quality of life for residents. Perth and Kinross has a good track record in hosting a broad spectrum of sporting, cultural and community events, with significant growth in attendances and participation in recent years.
- 1.4 With the restoration of city status to Perth and the emerging Regeneration and City Development strategies, it is recognised that our parks and open spaces will play a significant role in attracting and hosting events over the coming years.
- 1.5 The wide range of parks and greenspaces in the Perth and Kinross area vary considerably in size, character, level of "on site" facilities, (e.g. parking, electricity and water supply) as well as the nature of suitability for events.
- 1.6 Many of the parks have a dual use. For example, land may be used for sport during the Autumn / Winter months, reverting to open space for organised events during the Spring and Summer.

- 1.7 Parks and greenspace are readily accessible and affordable for a wide range of organisers and are booked by a mixture of commercial and non commercial groups, individuals, businesses and organisations (charitable or non charitable). The parks are also used for Council events and civic ceremonies.
- 1.8 In recent years, a range of upgrading and refurbishment work has been completed to key parks throughout the Perth and Kinross area including MacRosty Park, Crieff; Kirkgate Park, Kinross; Larghan Park, Coupar Angus and Victoria Park, Aberfeldy. Drainage improvement works recently undertaken on the South Inch will allow that space to be used more widely in the future.
- 1.9 Commercial use of parks include fairs, circuses, car rallies, tent shows and balloon flights. Commercial event 'lets' only account for 14% of the total number of events held. 86% of events held in parks and greenspaces have no charge. Currently, if a park/greenspace event is organised by a non-commercial organisation for the benefit of the local community or charitable purposes, the let is free of charge.
- 1.10 The type of non-commercial events booked by a community or charity include:
- Highland Games (Perth, Pitlochry, Crieff, Birnam) and Pipe Band Championships
 - National sports events – Scottish National Volleyball Championships; cross country championships; 10K runs; Rugby Club “Golden Oldies”
 - Firework displays
 - Race for Life, an annual event on the North Inch with around 3,000 participants
 - Strathmore and the Glens Farmers Market, Wellmeadow, Blairgowrie
 - Fun days
 - Car Boot Sales
 - Religious events e.g. Wellmeadow – Songs of Praise
 - Diamond Jubilee Celebration Events in 2012.
 - Galas and fetes
- 1.11 It should be recognised that some charities and not-for-profit groups may have access to financial resources, or could access grants to cover the cost to hire event space. In some cases, events have the use of all the facilities free of charge, as they are organised by a registered charity, with the booking potentially including spaces for car parking and tents.
- 1.12 Even events that charge an admission, but by their nature or status are considered to be of community benefit, are not charged by the Council.

- 1.13 When an event booking is accepted, the maintenance and potential over-use of the parks/pitches is considered to allow recovery of the grass or reinstatement of any damage caused. A clause is contained within the event agreement which states that if reinstatement works are required due to the event organisers' actions, the reinstatement works will be carried out by the Council and the costs will be invoiced to the organiser, unless unforeseen circumstances such as severe weather occurs which leads to damage to the ground.
- 1.14 Over the years commercial events, particularly Circuses and Fairs, have incurred considerable time and effort for officers in pursuing event organisers, often without result, to take down advertising boards fixed to public property and assets.

Sports Pitches

- 1.15 In 2008, the Perth and Kinross Sports Pitch Needs Assessment identified 183 football pitches in Perth and Kinross, of which 89 were seven a side pitches, 11 were youth sized pitches and 83 were adult pitches. There are mixed facilities across the pitches with only some having changing facilities. In addition, there is a variety of types of pitches on each site.
- 1.16 Further Leisure Needs Analysis Reports were developed in response to the national strategy for sport, "Reaching Higher", which identified a key role of the Council in leading and facilitating strategic planning at a local level.
- 1.17 Perth and Kinross Council, in partnership with Sportscotland and Live Active Leisure, commissioned Torkildsen Barclay, Leisure Consultants, to undertake a local Leisure Needs Analysis. The content of the analysis was reported to the Lifelong Learning Committee on 31 October 2012 (Ref 12/487).
- 1.18 A key finding was that in general, across Perth and Kinross, the provision of football pitches exceeds the demand for them. However, there are areas where some under supply has been identified, or where a perception of under supply exists.
- 1.19 Further work between Education and Children's Services and the Environment Service is already underway to review the use of existing pitches by local clubs.
- 1.20 The football pitches provided by the Council receive a range of treatments (depending on the actual pitch) including rolling, spiking and slitting; weedkilling; fertiliser application and in a few cases re-marking. Contractors undertake pitch renovation work, test goalposts and mark out pitches at the start of the season.

- 1.21 The maintenance costs of these activities amounts to £94,000 per annum. In addition, pitches are cut by the Council's Grounds Maintenance squads on a fortnightly basis. Annual inspections are undertaken of both the football pitches and the goal posts, with prioritised maintenance work based on those reports.
- 1.22 This work seeks to ensure that whenever and wherever possible football pitches are playable. If, for whatever reason, the pitch is unplayable, other pitches locally are made available. For some areas outwith Perth where there are no other Council owned pitches locally, the football teams are offered pitches in Perth.
- 1.23 Many rugby and cricket teams either own or maintain their own pitches. Where these teams occupy Council owned land, many of the other sporting clubs have entered into management agreements with the Council. These options are also open to football teams.
- 1.24 In Perth and Kinross, there are 28 different fee rates available for pitches managed by Community Greenspace alone, not including ground rents for pavilions etc. These can be seen in Appendix 1. Due to the large number of charges, users can find the system confusing and at times may not apply for a pitch booking.
- 1.25 The table below indicates charges for pitches made by other Councils and local football grounds compared to Perth and Kinross Council. Only Angus Council, of those benchmarked against, appears to have a seasonal rate for their pitches, which is for 35 weeks at £875 compared to the current rate of £390 charged by Perth and Kinross Council for its seasonal hire. Adult seasonal fees are calculated on the assumption that up to 22 games will be played per team.

Adult use with changing

PKC, Community Greenspace (per game) with changing, Perth	£38.00
McDiarmid Park, All-Weather (1 hour before 6pm)	£87.00
PKC, Education	£39.90
Live Active Leisure, (1 hour for indoor facilities)	£54.69
Angus Council	£39.00
East Renfrewshire	£37.00
Stirling	£31-£50
Dundee	£44.00
Clackmannanshire	£27.40

2. PROPOSALS

Events

- 2.1 It is proposed to amend the charges for events on Council parks and open space. It is also proposed to charge (at a lower rate) for charity/not for profit activities, and also to confirm that charges apply for the period that the site is being used, including days taken to set up and take down events.
- 2.2 It is recognised that any revised proposed charges should not be set too high as this may discourage small community organisations and individuals from using our parks and greenspace for events.
- 2.3 Nonetheless, commercial and non-commercial events do take a considerable amount of organisation from a Council perspective. As an example, events can require a high amount of administration time, attendance at meetings, assistance with alternative options and dealing with reinstatement of land once the event has taken place.
- 2.4 Based on the time spent per application for parks events, it is proposed to introduce a split charging system for booking events.

Commercial Bookings

- 2.5 Charges for the North Inch, South Inch and the Lesser South Inch, where the majority of large commercial events are held, are proposed to be:
- 2.6 North Inch, South Inch and the Lesser South Inch (per day on site) £305 including VAT.
- 2.7 This matches the current charge for the Lesser South Inch which can be seen in Appendix 1. In terms of land area, the North Inch, South Inch and Lesser South Inch provide the largest areas for commercial and non-commercial events in Perth and Kinross.
- 2.8 On that basis, for all other Parks and Open Spaces across Perth and Kinross, it is proposed to that a charge of £125 including VAT is charged per day on site.
- 2.9 In the past, the majority of events were covered by management arrangements as they were recurring events. However, as new events come into the area, or existing events cease to be regulated by management agreements, the revised charges will provide a platform for a clear and concise set of charges for commercial events.

- 2.10 There will still be commercial or non-commercial activities that will not be subject to the proposed charging mechanisms as they will either have no real impact on our sites, or will have access rights to parks in terms of the Land Reform (Scotland) Act 2003, or both. For example, some smaller organisations will utilise our green spaces for organised nature treks, tourist visits and educational activities. These types of activities are unlikely to have any impact on our sites. The Council cannot levy a charge in cases where the activity is taking place on areas of parks where the public have a right to take access responsibly in terms of the 2003 Act.
- 2.11 To try and address the problem referred to in paragraph 1.14 of this report, it is also proposed that a £500 refundable deposit is introduced for commercial events to deter fly posting and pay for any costs incurred by the Council, should any fly posting need to be removed.
- 2.12 In addition, it is recommended that the events booking form includes a list of a range of activities/promotional events that would not be deemed appropriate or suitable on Council owned land. These can be seen in Appendix 2.
- 2.13 At present, the location of events or movement of an event from one location to another is reported to the relevant Common Good Fund Committee for a decision where the land involved forms part of the common good.
- 2.14 Recent experience has also shown that poor ground conditions and / or restricted access can happen quickly and do not permit reporting to the relevant Committee, with officers determining the most appropriate alternative location. An example was the move of Perth Highland Games due to the condition of the ground.
- 2.15 With the potential projected increase in events it is proposed that the location or relocation of events on Council Parks and Open Spaces be delegated to the Executive Director (Environment), or their nominee, to ensure that sites are not overused. It is therefore recommended that a report be prepared for the Common Good Fund Committees that recommends that the Executive Director (Environment) be delegated to authorise the location and relocation, as required, of events on Council Parks and Open Spaces which form part of the Common Good.
- 2.16 Regardless of the circumstances, local elected members would be informed of the location for an event, or change of location, within their ward.

Non Commercial Bookings

- 2.17 Some non-commercial events highlighted in paragraph 1.10 regularly attract over 100 attendees and require, in some cases, considerable input from Community Greenspace Officers. It is therefore recommended that the Environment Service reviews non commercial bookings (communities and charity bookings) based on a tiered administration charge, which is below the level of commercial charges and related to expected attendance.

<u>Expected Attendees</u>	<u>Cost</u>
(a) Up to 100	£ 00.00
(b) 101 to 500	£50.00
(c) 501 to 1000	£75.00
(d) 1000+	£100.00

Sports Pitches

- 2.18 It is proposed to simplify and revise the sports pitch charges. The Council would no longer have separate charges for pitches with or without changing facilities. It is also proposed to incorporate training charges into the overall charge. The revised simplified football pitch charges from 01 April 2014 can be seen in Appendix 3. These revisions simplify sports pitch bookings charges in Perth and outwith the city. The charges have been set so that it is advantageous for the football clubs to pay a season fee up front or by direct debit which would make the collection of fees more efficient.

3. CONCLUSION AND RECOMMENDATIONS

- 3.1 The report outlines the economic benefits that events bring to the Perth and Kinross area and the pivotal role that the Council's parks and greenspaces play in hosting and staging these events.
- 3.2 The report also highlights the requirement for events and sports pitch bookings to be managed to ensure a consistency of approach and support customers who wish to make a booking.
- 3.3 The report outlines a range of revised charges and introduction of criteria to ensure this consistency of approach is achieved.
- 3.4 These changes should ensure that we retain the vibrancy of our parks, still provide popular destinations for communities, event organisers and sports groups and contribute to the economic development of the area.
- 3.5 It is recommended that the Environment Committee:
- (a) approves the revised charges for commercial bookings in all the main parks throughout the Perth and Kinross area.
 - (b) approves the introduction of a tiered charge, based on expected attendance, for all non-commercial events in Council owned parks and greenspaces within the Perth and Kinross area starting on 1 April 2014.
 - (c) approves the revised charges for the football pitches in Perth and outwith the city.
 - (d) approves the introduction of a minimum refundable deposit of £500 for commercial events which will be retained should there be an incidence of fly-posting requiring to be removed at a cost to the Council.

- (e) approves the inclusion in the events booking form of a list of advertising / promotional events that would not be appropriate or suitable on Council owned land.
- (f) notes that a report is being prepared for the Common Good Fund Committees recommending that authority be delegated to the Executive Director (Environment) to authorise the location and relocation, as required, of events on Council Parks and Open Spaces which form part of the Common Good.

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1. IMPLICATIONS, ASSESSMENTS, CONSULTATION AND COMMUNICATION

Strategic Implications	Yes / None
Community Plan / Single Outcome Agreement	Yes
Corporate Plan	Yes
Resource Implications	Yes
Financial	Yes
Workforce	Yes
Asset Management (land, property, IST)	Yes
Assessments	None
Equality Impact Assessment	Yes
Strategic Environmental Assessment	Yes
Sustainability (community, economic, environmental)	Yes
Legal and Governance	Yes
Risk	Yes
Consultation	Yes
Internal	Yes
External	Yes
Communication	Yes
Communications Plan	Yes

1. Strategic Implications

Community Plan / Single Outcome Agreement

1.1 The proposals relate to the delivery of the Perth and Kinross Community Plan/Single Outcome Agreement in terms of the following priorities:

- (iii) Promoting a prosperous, inclusive and sustainable economy
- (iv) Supporting people to lead independent, healthy and active lives

Corporate Plan

1.2 The proposals relate to the achievement of the Council's Corporate Plan Priorities:

- (iii) Promoting a prosperous, inclusive and sustainable economy;
- (iv) Supporting people to lead independent, healthy and active lives;

2. Resource Implications

Financial

- 2.1 The charging structures proposed within the report will take into account any increases approved by the Council as part of the budget setting exercise for 2014/15 , in order to maintain the overall budgeted income level.

Workforce

- 2.2 There are no workforce issues arising from this report.

Asset Management (Land, Property and IST)

- 2.3 The Council is preserving its grounds maintenance assets by utilising Parks and Open Spaces as effectively as possible.

3. Assessments

Equality Impact Assessment

- 3.1 Under the Equality Act 2010, the Council is required to eliminate discrimination, advance equality of opportunity, and foster good relations between equality groups. Carrying out Equality Impact Assessments for plans and policies allows the Council to demonstrate that it is meeting these duties.
- 3.2 This section should reflect that the proposals have been considered under the Corporate Equalities Impact Assessment process (EqIA) with the following outcome:
- i) Assessed as **relevant** and the following positive outcomes expected following implementation as the report will prohibit the use of Council owned parks and open spaces for activities which are incompatible with the Council's Equality duties.

Strategic Environmental Assessment

- 3.3 The Environmental Assessment (Scotland) Act 2005 places a duty on the Council to identify and assess the environmental consequences of its proposals. The proposals have been considered under the Act and no further action is required as it does not qualify as a PPS as defined by the Act and is therefore exempt.

Sustainability

- 3.4 Under the provisions of the Local Government in Scotland Act 2003 the Council has to discharge its duties in a way which contributes to the achievement of sustainable development. In terms of the Climate Change Act, the Council has a general duty to demonstrate its commitment to sustainability and the community, environmental and economic impacts of its actions.

- 3.5 The proposals have been assessed in terms of the requirements to manage the Council's Greenspace assets in a sustainable long term way.

Legal and Governance

- 3.6 The Head of Finance and the Head of Legal Services have been consulted on the content of the report. Issues were raised in relation to Access Rights, with guidance sought from relevant sources. The Scottish Natural Heritage Outdoor events in Scotland: Guidance for Organisers and Land Managers clearly indicates that land managers' permission is needed for certain events. The relevant table from the guidance has been reproduced in full in Appendix 4. If permission is required, land managers can influence the organisation of the event by setting conditions, if needed, to ensure that potential concerns are addressed. Where events require permission, an appropriate payment can also be sought to the satisfaction of both parties. Ultimately the Council needs to be satisfied that an event will not unreasonably hinder its land management, interfere with other public enjoyment of the land or affect the environment.

Risk

- 3.7 There is a risk that Commercial and non-Commercial events and also Community Groups may find the charges a barrier to holding events in the Perth and Kinross area.

4. Consultation

Internal

- 4.1 The Head of Legal Services, the Head of Democratic Services, the Head of Cultural and Community Services, and the Head of Finance have been consulted in the preparation of this report.

External

- 4.2 In late 2011 Community Greenspace, in partnership with Sports Development (Education and Children's Services), invited all local teams from Perth who use the City Pitches and encouraged the set-up of 'Perth City Football Hub' with a proposal to create a constituted group to access sports funding to improve and renovate the South Inch facilities for Sports Users (specifically football). The group was interested but there was no community 'lead person' who had the time and capacity to be the chairperson.

5. Communication

- 5.1 Event organisers and football clubs will be written to directly to inform them of the changes to charges and the Council's website pages will be updated accordingly.

2. BACKGROUND PAPERS

The following background papers, as defined by Section 50D of the Local Government (Scotland) Act 1973 (and not containing confidential or exempt information) were relied on to a material extent in preparing the above report.

- Local Leisure Needs Analysis Report presented to the Lifelong Learning Committee on 31 October 2012 (Ref 12/487).

3. APPENDICES

- Appendix 1 - Fee rates available for pitches managed by the Council
- Appendix 2 - List of a range of activities/promotional events that would not be deemed appropriate or suitable on Council owned land.
- Appendix 3 - Revised football pitch charges
- Appendix 4 – Obtaining Land Managers' Permission

Appendix 1 Fee Rates available for Pitches Managed by the Council

ITEM 5: GAMES PITCHES CHARGES	Charge 12/13	VAT Status	VAT	Total Charge 12/13 (Inc VAT)
Perth Pitches - Adult (Season - with changing facilities) - Adult (Season - without changing facilities) - Adult (Per game - with changing facilities) - Adult (Per game - without changing facilities) - Seasonal charge to clubs for pitches for training purposes - 7-a-side Adult (Per game - with changing facilities) - 7-a-side Adult (Per game - without changing facilities) - Junior up to 17yrs (Season - with changing facilities) - Junior up to 17yrs (Season - without changing facilities) - Junior up to 17yrs (Per game - with changing facilities) - Junior up to 17yrs (Per game - without changing facilities) - 7-a-side Junior (Season with changing facilities) - 7-a-side Junior (Season - without changing facilities) - 7-a-side Junior (Per game - with changing facilities) - 7-a-side Junior (Per Game - without changing facilities) - Seasonal charge to clubs for pitches for training purposes	£341.67 £206.67 £31.67 £19.17 £166.67 £23.33 £15.00 £170.83 £103.33 £15.83 £9.17 £85.83 £51.67 £10.83 £7.50 £83.33	S/E S/E S S S S S S/E S/E S S S S S S S	£68.33 £41.33 £6.33 £3.83 £33.33 £4.67 £3.00 £34.17 £20.67 £3.17 £1.83 £17.17 £10.33 £2.17 £1.50 £16.67	£410.00 £248.00 £38.00 £23.00 £200.00 £28.00 £18.00 £205.00 £124.00 £19.00 £11.00 £103.00 £62.00 £13.00 £9.00 £100.00
Outside Perth - Adult (Season - with changing facilities) - Adult (Season - without changing facilities) - Adult (Per game - with changing facilities) - Adult (Per game - without changing facilities) - Seasonal charge to clubs for pitches for training purposes - Junior up to 17yrs (Season - with changing facilities) - Junior up to 17yrs (Season - without changing facilities) - Junior up to 17yrs (Per game - with changing facilities) - Junior up to 17yrs (Per game - without changing facilities) - 7-a-side Junior (Season - with changing facilities) - 7-a-side Junior (Season - without changing facilities) - 7-a-side Junior (Per game - with changing facilities) - 7-a-side Junior (Per Game - without changing facilities) - Seasonal charge to clubs for training purposes	£254.17 £165.00 £23.33 £15.83 £136.67 £127.50 £82.50 £10.83 £7.50 £68.33 £61.67 £5.83	S/E S/E S S S S/E S/E S S S S S/E	£0.00 £50.83 £33.00 £4.67 £3.17 £27.33 £25.50 £16.50 £2.17 £1.50 £13.67 £12.33 £1.17	£305.00 £198.00 £28.00 £19.00 £164.00 £153.00 £99.00 £13.00 £9.00 £82.00 £74.00 £7.00
Other Park Lets: Lesser South Inch - Commercial (per operating day) Lesser South Inch - Non Commercial (per operating day) Other Council parks & spaces - Events (per operating day)	£254.17 £118.33 £64.17	S S S	£50.83 £23.67 £12.83	£305.00 £142.00 £77.00
<p>NB: i) Events in Council parks & open spaces to which entry is free and/or which are organised by noncommercial organisations for the benefit of the local community or charitable purposes should continue to be granted free. (ii) Any additional costs incurred as a result of a hire will be recharged at cost plus a 10% administration fee (iii) Occupation of a park prior to or after a pre-agreed period of let may incur the operation day charge. (iv) Use by clubs for under 14's training purposes will be free of charge.</p> <p>Note: E = VAT Exempt if paid in one payment.</p>				

VAT Status: S = Standard Rate, E = Exempt

Appendix 2

Unsuitable Products/organisations/services for advertising on Council land

The following list of products/organisations/services will generally be considered unsuitable for advertising on Council land, and therefore these types of event may not be permitted on Greenspace sites.

The list below may be expanded over time.

In addition each event will be subject to approval by the Waste Services and Community Greenspace Manager, or their nominee.

- Where the content is in support of a Political Party.
- Event or advertising which may be construed as offering or promoting services of a sexual nature
- Tobacco or gambling related products/organisations/services
- Activities of a racist, sectarian, discriminatory nature or any activity which would be inconsistent with the Council's duties under Equalities Legislation

In terms of alcohol, as part of the current booking form we ask applicants to contact Licensing directly for permission. If this is approved then we can assist them with their booking and ensure it is located in a safe area (e.g. away from hazards and children's play areas)

Our conditions of hire, which we ask all event organisers to sign, covers Alcohol. Section 16 states:

16. Alcoholic Drinks

- 16.1 The Hirer shall not sell or provide alcohol at the Venue during the hire unless agreed by the Council and where all necessary licences have been granted.
- 16.2 It shall be at the Hirer's sole responsibility to have obtained all required licences for the sale of alcohol and to ensure that sale or consumption of alcohol at the event is lawful and falls within applicable regulations and guidelines.

Proposed Charges – Football Pitches 2014/15

Adult	Perth	Outwith Perth
Season (11-a-side) including changing (where available) and training	£395.00	£305.00
Per Game (11-a-side)	£39.50	£30.50
Season (7-a-side)	£230.00	N/A
Per Game (7-a-side)	£23.00	N/A
Junior (Under 18 years)		
Season (11-a-side)	£165.00	£150.00
Per Game (11-a-side)	£16.50	£15.00
Season (7-a-side)	£100.00	£75.00
Per Game (7-a-side)	£10.00	£7.50

Obtaining Land Managers' Permission

It is important for event organisers to liaise with (that is, to speak with and listen to) all the relevant land managers. Under some circumstances, however, organisers must specifically ask for land managers' permission. The Code provides guidance to indicate when this is needed, which is illustrated more fully in the following table:

Table 2: Circumstances in which land managers' permission is likely to be required

Thresholds defined in the Code (para 3.60)	When these are likely to apply 1,2
Needing new or temporary facilities or services	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Car parking, fencing, toilets, litter bins, marquees, roped off areas, marked courses or signs are required
Likely to unreasonably hinder land management operations	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - The time and place of the event hinders land management operations or seasonal activities such as lambing, deer stalking or grouse shooting, and this cannot be resolved by prior liaison between the organiser and land manager - The event takes place close in time to other events on the same land and their combined effects unreasonably hinder land management as above
Likely to unreasonably interfere with other people's enjoyment	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Large numbers of participants or spectators will be in areas that are particularly popular for recreation. - Large numbers of people will be on narrow paths, passing in short timescales - Participants are likely to be racing, with potential risk to other users 2 - The event takes place close in time to other events on the same land and their combined effects unreasonably interfere with other people's enjoyment as above.
Likely to unreasonably affect the environment	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - The event is likely to cause significant damage to paths or vegetation 3 - The vent will use specific areas which have suffered, or are likely to suffer, from the cumulative effects of multiple events and need time to recover 3 - The event could cause damage or disturbance to protected areas or sensitive species (in particular during the breeding season) 3

- 1 This list is indicative rather than definitive and is based on an interpretation of the Code by the National Access Forum. Where events could cause damage, or disturbance to protected areas or sensitive species (as in the final bullet), the need to obtain land managers' permission is linked to statutory requirements under the Nature Conservation (Scotland) Act 2004.
- 2 Some events of this type may require the temporary suspension of access rights by an order under Section 11 of the Land Reform Act.
- 3 These effects can be strongly weather-dependent and these judgements should therefore be based on worst case scenarios.