



Board of Park Commissioners

Policy Committee

Wednesday, January 18, 2023 at 5:00 p.m.

Bristol Parks, Recreation, Youth & Community Services – 51 High Street, Bristol CT

Special Meeting Agenda

1. Call to Order

- a. Attendance

2. Approval of meeting minutes

- a. November 16, 2023 Special Meeting Minutes
Documents: Attachment A (Pg. 2-3)

3. Public Participation

4. Old Business

- a. By Commissioners

5. New Business

- a. Review the Cricket Field Proposal from Phani Gorty
Documents: Attachment B (Pgs. 4-18)
- b. By Commissioners

6. Adjourn

Respectfully submitted,

Jazzya Coakley

Recording Secretary

Board of Park Commissioners



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Wednesday, November 16, 2022 at 3:00 p.m.

Bristol Parks, Recreation, Youth & Community Services – 51 High Street, Bristol CT
Special Meeting Minutes

1. Call to Order

- a. Chair Robert Fiorito called the meeting to order at 3:02 p.m.
- b. Attendance

Present: Robert Fiorito, Chair
Cynthia Donovan, Commissioner

Sarah Larson, Deputy Superintendent
Dr. Joshua Medeiros, Superintendent

Absent: Leonard Lamothe, Commissioner

2. Approval of meeting minutes

- a. **MOTION:** Made by Chair Fiorito to accept the Policy Committee September 6, 2022 Special Meeting Minutes.
Seconded by: Commissioner Donovan, all in favor; motion carried.

3. Public Participation: None.

4. Old Business

- a. Superintendent Medeiros reviewed the draft 2023 Policies and Procedures Manual, discussion followed.
MOTION: Made by Commissioner Donovan to accept the 2023 Policies and Procedures Manual and refer to Board of Park Commissioners for adoption.
Seconded by: Chair Fiorito, all in favor; motion carried.
- b. By Commissioners: None.

5. New Business

- a. By Commissioners: None.

6. Adjourn

- a. **MOTION:** Made by Chair Fiorito to adjourn the meeting at 3:40 p.m.
Seconded by: Commissioner Donovan, all in favor; motion carried.

Respectfully submitted,

Jazzya Coakley
Recording Secretary
Board of Park Commissioners

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ATTACHMENT B

Cricket Field @ Rockwell Park, Bristol, CT

Proposal by Premier Cricket Academy

Agenda

1. Cricket Overview
2. Cricket in USA
3. Cricket in CT
4. Cricket in Bristol, CT
5. Cricket Field Proposal
6. Multi Purpose Turf field
@Rockwell Park
7. Proposed Funding sources



What is Cricket ?



The Sport :

Cricket is a **bat-and-ball game played** between **two teams of eleven players** on a cricket field, at the center of which is a **rectangular 22-yard-long pitch with a wicket**, a set of three wooden stumps sited at each end. This is similar to baseball but with a different approach to the diamond. This is both intellectual & physical game that promotes the growth of the kids and the community.

Game Formats: 5 Day Test cricket, 1 day and T20 Cricket formats

Governing Body: The game is internationally governed by ICC (International Cricket Council) and nationally by USA Cricket

<https://www.usacricket.org/what-is-cricket/>

Here is a quick 101:<https://www.icc-cricket.com/video/298515>

Opportunity: Cricket is played in 92 countries and watched by an estimated 2.5 Billions viewers!

*According to SBNATION : Cricket is now **one of the world's most valuable sports** after a **\$6.21 rights deal***

Trends in Cricket USA



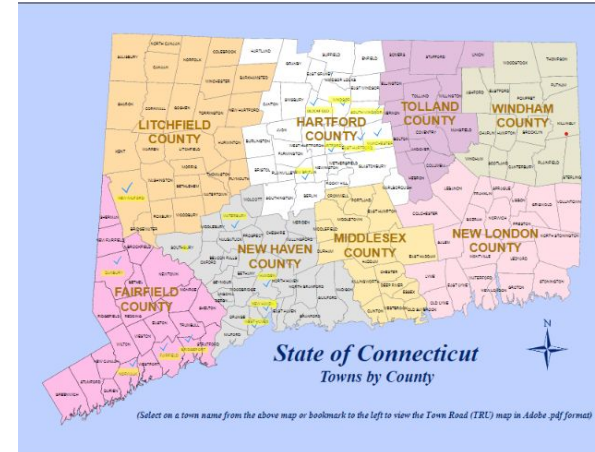
- ❖ Cricket is an up & coming sport even though it was the top sport in the United States in the mid-1800s (Per NBC!)
- ❖ USA Cricket sanctioned **Major and Minor league cricket ventures** to promote cricket in the USA through Professional T20 cricket leagues (MLC) : The likes of **Satya Nadella of Microsoft** and **Sundar Pichai of Alphabet** are investing and promoting cricket in the USA
- ❖ Cricket may debut in **2028 LA OLYMPICS** as an Olympic Sport in the modern era (Per ESPN Cricinfo).
- ❖ **Cricket is a great way to promote diversity and include youth from diverse origins** esp. Youth with origins in cricket playing nations (British, Asian, European and African Origin) are exposed to cricket and interested in learning & playing the game seriously
- ❖ Cricket is being played by 200,000+ players in America in >400 local leagues, tournaments, academies, college and school programs across the United States
- ❖ 33+ tournaments per year across the USA above and beyond 100+ international cricket games played across the globe by Team USA.

Cricket in CT



CT has been one of the earliest states in USA with a cricketing history!

- ❖ Cricket hall of fame is in Hartford CT since 1981 <https://hartford.com/cricket-hall-of-fame/>!
- ❖ Towns/ Municipalities with Cricket facilities ~10% Of the Towns in CT has a cricket field!
 - Heavily focussed in the Southern CT
 - 10 Towns
 - Growth phase in Hartford County
 - 6 Towns, 2 onboarded in years 2021/2022
 - Player Profiles
 - 5000+ Active Adult players in tournaments
 - 200+ registered Youth Players
 - Scores of Interested Unregistered youth & adults
 - Heavily played by Adults and facilities used by adults
 - Youth games suffering due to lack of sufficient facilities

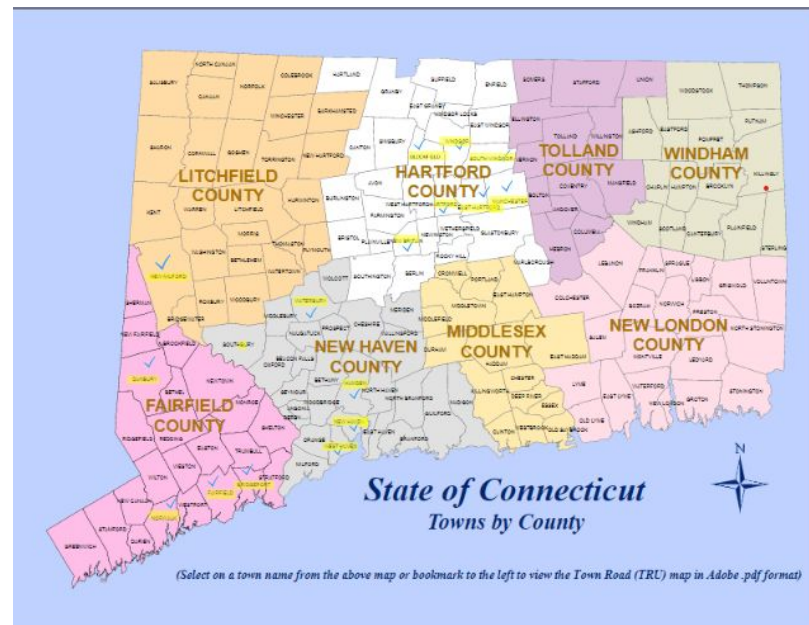


Cricket in CT- Towns/Municipalities with fields



Towns/ Municipalities with Cricket facilities ~10% Of the Towns in CT has a cricket field!

1. Bridgeport ([Newfield Park](#))
2. Bloomfield ([Laurel Elementary School ground](#))
3. Danbury (Broadview Middle School/ Danbury Youth Athletic Org)
4. Greenwich ([Christiano Park](#))
5. East Hartford ([Elizabeth Shea Park](#))
6. Hartford ([Keney park- 2 Fields](#), [Riverside Park- 1](#))
7. Manchester ([Northwest Park-1](#), [Martin Cricket Ground-1](#))
8. New Milford ([Clatter Valley Park- Jay Singh Oval Cricket field](#))
9. New Britain ([Walnut Hill Park for cricket](#))
10. New Haven (Clinton Ave)
11. Norwalk ([Ponus Ridge School](#))
12. South Windsor ([Rye Park](#))
13. Stamford ([Lione Park](#))
14. Waterbury ([City Mills Park- Cricket](#))
15. West Haven ([Peterson/Ralph Deluccia cricket field](#))
16. Windsor ([Clover Street cricket field](#))

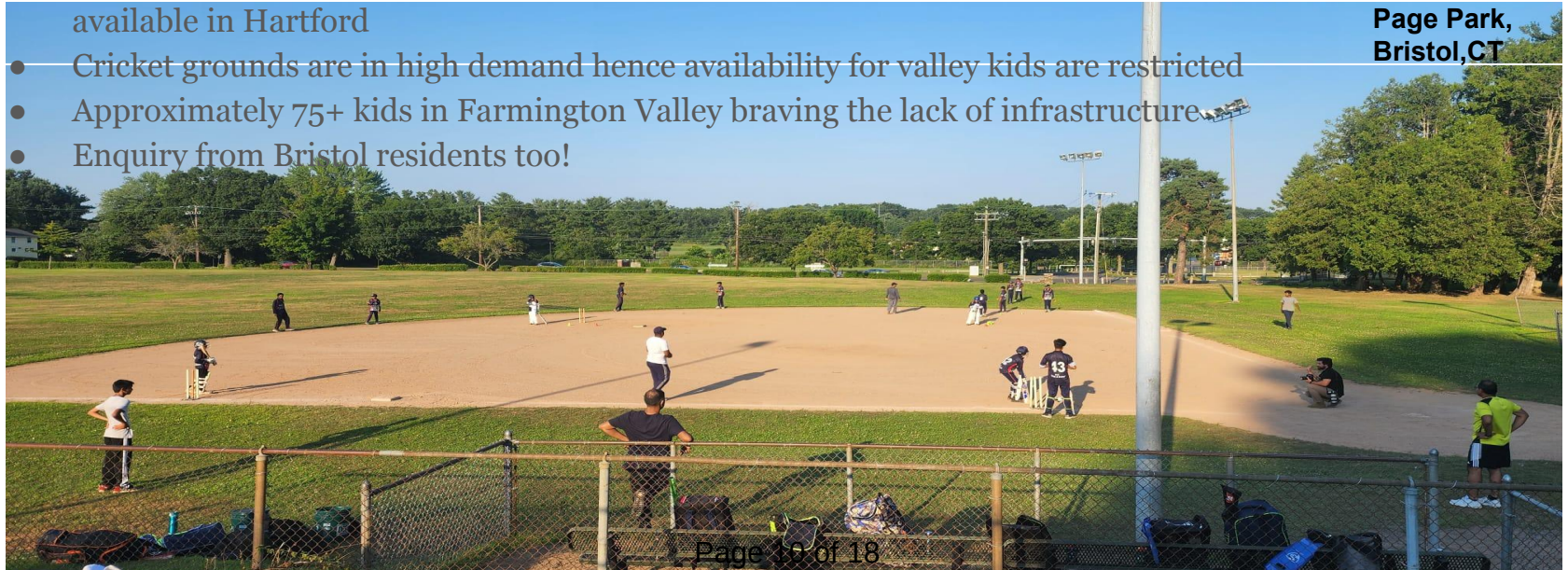


Cricket in Bristol

Bristol can be one of the pioneers in creating world class USA cricketers with world class facility

Current Status :

- Youth teams through PrCA are coached in baseball fields Page Park & Casey Park
 - Our story on [Hartford Courant](#)
- PrCA leverages temporary pitch imported from the UK to practice for games
- Kids travel 1hr + to get access to cricket pitches & games in Danbury, West Haven, New Milford & rarely available in Hartford
- Cricket grounds are in high demand hence availability for valley kids are restricted
- Approximately 75+ kids in Farmington Valley braving the lack of infrastructure
- Enquiry from Bristol residents too!



Cricket in Bristol - A view of PrCA Numbers

1835 hours

Game time for
youth!



200+ hours

just travelling by
Youth & Parents



7 National,
Regional
Tournaments in
2022 from "0" in
2021!



17 Games &
6000+ hours of
Practice Games



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Opportunity and Request for Bristol Park Commissioners :

- Our Youth and adults need a cricket field infrastructure with traditional 22 yard Clay Pitch. Clay Pitch is needed to make the leather ball bounce and spin evenly
- Cricket programs through Bristol Park & Rec
- Cricket Festivals hosting: Community event
- Additional revenue opportunity by inviting other leagues for conducting tournaments



Page Park,
Bristol,CT

Benefits to Youth

- Racial and ethnic groups have unequal rates of physical activity. - [link](#)
- Being physically active for 60 minutes or more per day was progressively beneficial for mental wellbeing beginning at one day per week. More activity is better,” - [Link](#)
- Team building lessons - [Link](#)
- All round development - [Link](#)

Cricket Field Proposal

	Option 1	Option 2	Option 3
Investment Owner	Premier Cricket Academy LLC	Premier Cricket Academy LLC & Town of Bristol	Town of Bristol
Work Owner	Premier Cricket Academy LLC	Town of Bristol	Town of Bristol
Field Usage Rights	Shared between PRCA and Town	Shared between PRCA and Town	Shared between PRCA and Town
Time Allotted to PRCA	2 weekdays (4 hours each) and 2 weekends 8 hours each	2 weekdays (4 hours each) and 2 weekends 8 hours each	2 weekdays (4 hours each) and 2 weekends 8 hours each
Estimated Cost	<\$10K	<\$30K	<\$30K
Revenue	1 program from May to Aug (80% of fees will go to Bristol) - Field rental fees not applicable for 5 years	2 programs from May to Aug (80% of fees will go to Bristol) - Field rental fees not applicable for 7 years	3 programs from May to Aug (80% of fees will go to Bristol) - Preferred field rental rates
Pitch Maintenance	Premier Cricket Academy LLC	Premier Cricket Academy LLC	Premier Cricket Academy LLC

Cricket Field Proposal

Phases	Infrastructure	Cost Breakdown
Phase 1	Pitch and nets	40%
Phase 2	Storage Shed & equipment	20%
Phase 3	Bleachers	20%
Phase 4	Dug outs	20%

- **Depending on option selected and funding available, Phases can be implemented or eliminated (Phase 1 is mandatory)**
- **Field Usage: Multi-Use with continuing Soccer, Cricket and other sports prohibiting spike usage on the pitch**
- **Maintenance:**
 - **Short Term (Pitch Rolling):** Basic maintenance
 - **Long Term -** Minor infrastructure maintenance

Multi Purpose Turf Field in Rockwell Park, Bristol, CT



Kids can play Cricket and Soccer in this multi purpose field

Both games will have the ground exclusively

Pitch area can be used only for Cricket

Shed for storing cricket mat, tables and chairs, boundary markers

Proposed Funding Sources

Phase 1 : Pitch, mat & Storage Shed

Time Frame: Mar 2023

Total Expected Funding: \$19,000

Phase 2: Other infrastructure

Time Frame : Summer 2023 or later

Total Expected Funding: \$10,000

Funding Sources:

- Direct investment by PrCA (Public-Private partnership with Bristol Town)
- Fundraising by PrCA
 - Exploring Corporate, High Networth Individuals and Associations
- Fundraising in Partnership with Bristol town
- Govt. Grant (Federal, State or Town: Ex. Manchester, East Hartford, New Milford etc.)



Thank You

Looking forward to collaborate