

Chapter 38 Open Space and Recreation Zones

38.1 Purpose

The purpose of the Open Space and Recreation Zones is to enable recreation activities and provide for associated infrastructure while protecting, maintaining and enhancing landscape values, nature conservation values, ecosystem services and amenity. The signs apply to Council administered reserves and some private land, and do not apply to water bodies (including surface of water), Conservation Land (including lakes and rivers) ~~or private open space~~. In general, the zones do not apply to Crown land (including lakes and rivers), other than for discrete situations (such as Queenstown Gardens, where the Crown Land reserve is integral and distinguishable from the Council reserve land surrounding it). Where a reserve adjoins a water body, the reserve zone to recognise, and provide for, the interrelationship between the water activities in the land-based component of those activities.

38.5 Objectives and Policies – Active Sport and Recreation Zone

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The Active Sport and Recreation Zone includes larger parks and reserves that are primarily used for organised sport and events, usually with associated buildings and structures. The zone primarily applies to open space that is easily accessible, used for indoor and outdoor organised sports, active recreation and community activities.

The Active Sport and Recreation Zone areas are designed and used for organised sport and recreation with toilets, changing facilities, car parking and turf or playing surfaces fully maintained to an appropriate standard for the relevant sports code. These include sports fields, hard-court areas, club facilities as well as associated infrastructure such as car parking and changing rooms.

Commercial activities accessory to sport and active recreation activities, such as those that provide food or beverage services to support recreational use, may be undertaken in appropriate locations within this zone.

The Active Sport and Recreation Zone applies in or near the main urban centres and residential areas and contain provisions that recognise the intensive use made of these areas, and the need to provide sufficient facilities to support these uses, while at the same time, providing for the open space and amenity values of a park or reserve within this zone, as well as avoiding or mitigating adverse effects on the surrounding areas.

Privately owned Active Sport and Recreation Zone land is subject to a greater extent of control because it is not subject to Reserve Management Plan control under the Reserves Act 1977 and because activities may need to integrate with activities on adjoining Council administered land and reserves.

38.5.1 Objective – Active sport and recreation activities are provided for in appropriate locations, while managing adverse effects on surrounding areas and communities.

Policies

38.5.1.1 Provide for indoor and outdoor organised sports, active recreation, recreation facilities, community activities, accessory activities and associated buildings and structures.

38.5.1.2 Active sport and recreation associated buildings, structures (including additions) and car parking, are designed, located and operated to be compatible with the surrounding environment in which they are located, particularly within or adjacent to residential environments, and to avoid or mitigate any adverse effects of the activities (such as noise, traffic, hours and frequency) and of buildings, including visual dominance, outlook from adjoining or nearby sites and buildings, and shading.

38.5.1.3 Ensure that buildings and activities on privately owned land within the Active Sport and Recreation Zone are appropriately managed including, where necessary, integration with activities and buildings on any adjoining land within the same zone.

38.9 Rules – Activities

Table 38.1: Activities Open Space and Recreation Zones.

Rule	Activities	Active Sport and Recreation Zone
38.9.38	Buildings and Recreation Facilities on private land	Discretionary

38.16 Assessment Matters for Discretionary Activities Identified in Table 38.1

Table 38.7: Assessment Matters for Discretionary Activities on Private Land in the Active Sport and Recreation Zones	
<u>38.16.1</u>	<p><u>Rule 38.9.38: Buildings and Recreation Facilities on private land</u></p> <p><u>In considering whether the proposed development is an appropriate use of the land, Council will take into account:</u></p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> a. <u>effects of the intensity and scale of the activity on existing recreation and amenity values within the zone;</u> b. <u>integration with other existing and proposed activities within the zone;</u> c. <u>traffic generation, access and parking, including cumulative effects of traffic on amenity values in any adjoining zone;</u> d. <u>availability and adequacy of 3-waters infrastructure.</u>