



Belfast City Council

Report to:	Parks and Leisure Committee
Subject:	Proposed Event –IFA Junior Football coaching sessions.
Date:	10 April 2014
Reporting Officer:	Andrew Hassard, Director of Parks and Leisure
Contact Officer:	Brian McKinley, Events Officer

1.	Relevant Background Information
1.1	The Committee is asked to note that the Council received a request from the Irish Football Association (IFA) to hold Junior Football Coaching sessions at Cherryvale Playing Fields between Monday 18 and Friday 22 August 2014, 10.30 am to 1.30pm each day. The IFA has requested use of a grass pitch or the “neutral training” area. The event will have approximately 35 participants at each session. The participants will be between 5 and 12 years of age, and bookings will be made online via the IFA website. The IFA will provide qualified coaches to deliver the sessions.

2.	Key Issues
	<p>The booking for the grass pitch cannot be taken as the pitches will be under renovation for the following football season, however the “neutral training” area is available. There is no charge to use the “neutral training” area but the committee is asked to note that the IFA intend to charge £35 per participant for the week.</p> <p>The IFA will complete an event management plan. It will address all relevant issues including health and safety to the satisfaction of Council Officers.</p>

3.	Resource Implications
	<p><u>Financial</u> None</p> <p><u>Human Resources</u></p>

	<p>The event will not require any additional members of staff as the event will take place during normal working hours.</p> <p><u>Asset and Other Implications</u></p> <p>None</p>
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4.	Equality and good relations implications
	There are no known associated equality considerations associated with this request.

5.	Recommendations
	<p>The Committee is asked to approve:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. That the IFA Junior Football coaching sessions are held on the “neutral training” area at Cherryvale Playing Fields subject to the completion of an appropriate event management plan to the satisfaction of Council Officers. 2. That the event organisers are allowed to charge participants who will take part in the coaching sessions on the “neutral training” area.

6.	Decision Tracking
	All actions will be completed by Brian McKinley, Events Office

7.	Key to Abbreviations
	IFA – Irish Football Association

8.	Documents Attached
	None