

Sports Field Benchmarking

The below provides an overview of sport field provision within Greater Vernon relative to other comparator communities. These communities were chosen to represent a range of small to medium-sized urban centers, allowing for a balanced comparison across different jurisdictions. The benchmarking indicates that while Greater Vernon has a higher number of rectangular natural surface sports fields and ball diamonds, it has fewer artificial surface sports fields than comparable jurisdictions.

Table 1: Benchmarking Summary

Municipality	Population 2021	Ball Diamonds	Rectangular Field	Artificial Surface
Chilliwack	93,203	36	20	3
Cranbrook	20,499	9	6	0
Lake Country	15,817	4	9	0
Langley (Township)	132,603	75	61	7
Mission	41,519	13	14	1
Nanaimo	99,863	30	21	3
New Westminster	78,916	18	23	0
North Vancouver (City)	58,120	3	10	3
Penticton	36,885	19	23	0
Port Coquitlam	61,498	23	16	2
Port Moody	33,535	14	9	2
Prince George	76,708	16	21	3
West Kelowna	36,078	7	11	0
Average	60,403	21	19	2
Vernon*	44,519	25	22	1

Table 2: Benchmarking Summary per Capita

Municipality	Population 2021	Diamonds/ Capita	Fields/ Capita	Artificial/ Capita
Chilliwack	93,203	2,589	4,660	31,068
Cranbrook	20,499	2,278	3,417	0
Lake Country	15,817	3,954	1,757	0
Langley (Township)	132,603	1,768	2,174	18,943
Mission	41,519	3,194	2,966	41,519
Nanaimo	99,863	3,329	4,755	33,288
New Westminster	78,916	4,384	3,431	0
North Vancouver (City)	58,120	19,373	5,812	19,373
Penticton	36,885	1,941	1,604	0
Port Coquitlam	61,498	2,674	3,844	30,749
Port Moody	33,535	2,395	3,726	16,768
Prince George	76,708	4,794	3,653	25,569
West Kelowna	36,078	5,154	3,280	0
Average	60,403	4,448	3,468	16,714
Vernon*	44,519	1,781	2,024	44,519

*Excludes School District, includes neighbouring communities