

Soccer Checklist #2

The Sports Turf Association feels it is important to make the public aware of some of the safety measures that are necessary for sports turf today.

The following suggestions will assist you in attaining better, safer, sports turf...

***Based on *Guidelines for Sport-Field Maintenance, Work Plan for Soccer*, by Ron Dubyk, *Sports Turf Newsletter*, Vol 1, Issue 3, January 1988. Updated by the Sports Turf Association 1999.**

ITEM	COMMENTS	A	M	J	J	A	S	O	N
Spring Cleanup	cleanup of winter debris layout lines of play (use a transit)	*	*						
Goal Posts	install prior to May remove after October repaint/repair during the winter	*	*					*	*
Goal Nets	in accordance with <i>Guidelines for Movable Soccer Goal Safety</i> check daily, repair/replace as required		*	*	*	*	*	*	
Field Use	by permit only, ideally May - October play suspended due to inclement weather; determined by staff!		*	*	*	*	*	*	
Litter	inspect daily for rocks, glass & other debris	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	
Benches/ Bleachers	inspect daily, repair as necessary repainted in the off season		*	*	*	*	*	*	
Weedspraying or I.P.M.	use of broad spectrum herbicides (mecoprop, dicamba, 2,4D); follow recommended rates. Signs posted. Subject to local bans.	*	*					*	
Insects/Disease	as diagnosed			*	*	*	*		
Irrigation	energize system & make necessary repairs by May winterize system in October maintain equivalent of 1" of rainfall		*	*	*	*	*	*	
Mowing	mowing height of 1 3/4" cut an average of three times every two weeks (1/3 of the plant)		*	*	*	*	*	*	
Line Striping	lines applied every week using white latex paint plus water (1:1 ratio) use of non-selective herbicides may cause rutting or a tripping hazard		*	*	*	*	*	*	
Aerating/Slicing	use of core type aerator, break up and redistribute cores (two directions)		*	*	*	*	*	*	
Soil Testing	end of season							*	
Sod Repairs	at end of season, usually goal mouth and centre field areas snow fence for protection							*	
Signage	prepare in the off season secure in visible and vandal-proof area inspect daily, when in use		*	*	*	*	*	*	
Fencing	maintain/repair as necessary		*	*	*	*	*	*	
Lighting	inspect regularly - replace/repair as required		*	*	*	*	*	*	
Topdressing	drag mat in two directions mixture depends on existing field soil, drainage, use, etc. (1/2" per year) recommend higher sand proportions		*	*	*	*	*	*	
Overseeding	watch fertilizer ratio, use 1:2:1 @ 12kgN/ha (0.25 lbs./1000 sq. ft.) in each direction, when overseeding use turf-type perennial ryegrass spring seeding is recommended		*				*	*	

Fertilizing	based on annual soil samples apply 4:1:2 or 5:1:2 @ 12kgN/ha (0.25 lbs.N/1000 sq. ft.) in each direction. At least 1/2 the nitrogen should be in slow release form see "Overseeding" for fertilizer rates during the overseeding operation	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	d o r m a n t
Documentation	ongoing, daily recording of all of the above- noted items, including date, name of site/inspector	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	

Have you established an inspection routine, using written forms to pinpoint hazards and dangers? Ensure an individual is designated for repairs and to follow-up and correct any defects.

Are your personnel trained in preventative and corrective turf and field maintenance programs?

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