

GUIDELINES FOR SPORT-FIELD MAINTENANCE WORK PLAN FOR: SOCCER

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ITEM	A	M	J	J	A	S	O	N	COMMENTS
Spring Clean-Up	X	X							— cleanup of winter debris — layout lines of play (use a transit)
Goal Posts	X	X					X	X	— installed prior to May 15 — remove after October 15 — repaint / repair during the winter
Goal Nets / Corner Flags		X	X	X	X	X	X		— check daily — repair / replace as required
Field Use		X	X	X	X	X	X		— by permit only May 15 - October 15 — play suspended due to inclement weather; determined by staff
Litter	X	X	X	X	X	X	X		— inspected daily for rocks, glass & other debris
Benches / Bleachers		X	X	X	X	X	X		— inspect daily, repair as necessary — repainted in the off season
Weedspraying	X	X					X		— use of 2-4D (Killex) as per recommended rates. Signs posted.
Insects / Disease			X	X	X	X			— as diagnosed.
Irrigation		X	X	X	X	X	X		— energize system & make necessary repairs by May. — winterize system in October — maintain equivalent of 1" of rainfall
Mowing		X	X	X	X	X	X		— mowing height of 1¾" — cut an average of 3 times every 2 weeks
Line Striping		X	X	X	X	X	X		— lines applied every week using white latex paint plus water (1:1 ratio) — Use Emabark every 2 months (add 2 oz. per 10 gal. of paint/water mix)
Aerating		X	X	X	X	X	X		— use of core type aerator, break up & redistribute cores (2 directions)
Soil testing							X		— end of season
Sod Repairs							X		— at end of season, usually goal mouth & centre field areas — snow fence for protection
Signage		X	X	X	X	X	X		— prepare in the off season — secure in visible and vandal proof area — inspect daily, when in use
Fencing		X	X	X	X	X	X		— maintain / repair as necessary
Lighting		X	X	X	X	X	X		— inspect DAILY — replace/repair as required
Topdressing		X	X	X	X	X	X		— drag mat in two directions — mixture depends on existing field soil, drainage, use, etc. — recommend higher sand proportions
Overseeding		X				X	X		— watch fertilizer ratio, use 15-30-15 @ 12kgN/ha (0.25 lbs/1000 sq. ft.) in each direction, when overseeding — use turf-type perennial ryegrass — spring seeding is recommended
Fertilizing	X	X	X	X	X	X			— based on annual soil samples — apply 25-5-10 @ 12kgN/ha (0.25 lbs.N/1000 sq. ft.) in each direction. At least ½ the nitrogen should be in slow release form — see 'Overseeding' for fertilizer rates during the overseeding operation
Documentation	X	X	X	X	X	X	X		— ongoing, daily recording of all of the above noted items!

NOTE: The above schedule represents only a guideline to be modified for each facility, as applicable. It should also be noted that the above maintenance programme represents a permitted facility, staffed on a seven day operational basis and a minor user fee is paid (not a full cost recovery). Should you require any further information or to have any additional comments or inquiries, please do not hesitate to contact the author at (416) 392-2550.

A guideline of field maintenance will appear in future issues for the following sports activities: rugby, field hockey, cricket and baseball.