

HERSHEY SPORTS ZONE, MISSISSAUGA, ONTARIO

General information regarding the facility. Hershey Sports Zone North has two outdoor and one indoor artificial turf soccer fields, an indoor basketball facility, gymnastic facility, main bowl hockey facility, and four community hockey rinks. Hershey Sports Zone South has two outdoor artificial soccer fields, four community hockey rinks, one major cricket field, a skateboard facility, splash pad/playground, outdoor basketball court, naturalized park settings, and a leash-free dog run. The Hershey Sports Zone North & South comprise 136 acres in total.

Name, location of facility(s). Hershey Sports Zone North, located at 5500 Rose Cherry Way, and Hershey Sports Zone South, located at 705 Matheson Boulevard East.

How many employees are involved with turf care at this facility? Two full time staff and ten seasonal staff.

What is the primary type of turfgrass? Name of varieties. Perennial rye and Kentucky blue. Is yearly overseeding part of your maintenance program? Yes. We overseed in the spring, summer and fall. How many times do you fertilize? Five times per year. Do you aerate? Topdress? Yes. We aerate five times per year and top-dress as needed.

Are community user groups involved or have they been involved in the construction/maintenance of this facility? In what manner? We have volunteer community groups that help pick up garbage and plant trees/shrubs.

How many hours per year are the fields permitted? Who permits them? Are the fields ever closed during the season to give them a rest? How much input do you have in the amount and timing of use? We permit our natural turf fields from May until September 30 and permit our outdoor artificial turf from March until November, weather permitting. We close our natural turf fields when we get inclement weather and can often move groups from natural turf facilities onto the artificial turf when we get rain. Local community groups permit our fields as well as other external customers.



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