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Tell us what you are doing on your fields

Let us know what is working for you. Growing and maintaining turf is not an exact science. What works for us may not work for you. We would like to share your successes and failures with SFMANJ members.

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Questions & Answers

(Got a question? E-mail us a <u>elpene99@yahoo.com</u> **Question**: What is the proper mowing height for my athletic fields?

Answer: Proper mowing height is determined by a number of factors. Some of which are:

- 1. The desires of the leagues
- 2. The roll of the ball
- 3. Mowing routine
- 4. Staff available to mow
- 5. Fertilizer program
- 6. The 1/3 rule

During the playing season I have found 2 ½ inches to be the magic number. I can mow on a twice a week schedule, provide an effective fertilizer program and the leagues can find the ball on the fourth day after mowing. During the summer months between playing seasons the height can be raised to 3 inches and the mowing schedule can typically be extended to 5 to 7days. The 1/3 rule should always be followed as much as possible. The 1/3 rule states that no more than 1/3 the green leaf should be removed at any one mowing. This means that mowing at 3 inches, no more than ¾ -1 inch of grass should be removed.

Drop us a line on how you liked Field Day. Here are some remarks we received: Maintenance turf supervisor from North Hunterdon Little League said," Field day was great, I would go again".

Jack Shannon from West Deptford Bd of Ed stated, "I thought the field day was a extremely well planned event and very informative, I enjoyed the whole day".

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