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An Overview of the CSFM Program

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The Certified Sports Field Manager (CSFM) Program is a credentialed program developed and sponsored by Sports Turf Managers Association (STMA). The purpose of the program is to recognize the professionalism, knowledge and experience of the sports field managers who have qualified and met the rigorous standards. This hands-on program begins by contacting the STMA Headquarters and requesting a CSFM Packet. The packet contains all of the information about the program as well as an application.

Candidates qualify for the program by demonstrating their education and their experience. The view of STMA is that a combination of education and experience are necessary to be the best possible athletic field manager. It recognizes that the sports turf industry is very diverse and that experience as a sports field manager must play a major role. It is possible to become certified with only a high school education if you have enough experience and dedication to the sport field management. You cannot become a CSFM by education alone.

Once it has been determined that you are qualified, you then prepare for the written exam. The exam consists of 300 multiple choice questions in a multiple choice format, and covers four major areas of sports field management:

1. Agronomics - both cool and warm season turfgrasses
2. Pest Management – IPM, cultural and pesticides
3. Administration - budgets, people skills, first aid
4. Sports Specific Field Management – maintenance, playability and aesthetics (but NO field dimensions!)

I really must warn you, this test is not for amateurs! The CSFM packet contains a 20 page booklet describing all of the knowledge and competencies needed to pass the exam. The packet also suggests a reading list of books and articles that will be helpful in preparing for the test.

My impression of the test was that it was very fair. The questions were about real life problems and situations. By passing this test, it means that you have a broad working knowledge of sports field management that could get you in the door, anywhere in the country.

There is something special about becoming a CSFM. It demonstrates a commitment to excellence, acknowledged accountability, and increased professionalism. Certified Sports Field Managers are committed to field safety and dedicated to cost effective facility management. It is a valuable learning experience, and can open doors for future opportunities and earnings potential.

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