

ARE YOU NUMBER ONE???

information provided by the STMA Awards Committee

Is your field Number One? Start gathering the materials now to submit your potential award winner in the Field of the Year competition.

These are the categories: STMA/Beam Clay®/sportsTURF Magazine Baseball Diamond of the Year competition: professional, college and school, municipal or park diamonds; Softball Diamond of the Year; Football Field of the Year; and Soccer Field of the Year.



1996-97 STMA/Beam Clay®/sportsTURF Professional Diamond - Thomas J. Dodd Memorial Stadium, Norwich, CT

what you do and how you make the best use of your resources.

TAKE PICTURES! Show details of your field at its best; crews at work; players in action. Include a few "vertical" shots. (One might make the magazine cover.) Slides are best for publication. Prints are best for judges viewing.

Think of it as your resume' and interview your facility. Include your own "tricks of the trade" and make your submittal stand out.



1996-97 STMA Soccer Field of the Year - Legion Field, Birmingham, AL



1996-97 STMA High School Football Field of the Year - Flinn Memorial Stadium, Quincy, IL

Category "breakdowns" within the Football, Softball and Soccer Award programs are at the Judges' discretion.

How To Prepare Your Winning Entry

Gather the details. What's the geographical location? When was your field originally constructed? Has it been renovated? Describe your soil profile, drainage system and irrigation system. Is the field lighted? How many games and what other events are held on the field?

Track your maintenance program. Detail your operating budget and staffing levels. Tell why you do

Finally -- Tell why you think your field is **THE BEST**, and have fun with it!

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