

## WE GET LETTERS

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Dear Mr. Bladon:

Are you aware of any courses specific to playing field maintenance and development which may be available to us and are you aware of any legislation prohibiting the use of hydrated lime for lining sports fields and/or when its use was discouraged?

Yours truly,

Jane Lunn, R.D.M.R.  
Director of Parks, Recreation & Culture  
Town of Port Hope

Dear Ms. Lunn:

Regarding courses specific to playing field maintenance I would suggest you consider the Turf Managers Short Course which is offered by the Office of Continuing Education at the University of Guelph. This is a very comprehensive course extending over four weeks in February each year. No formal background education is required, however, the requests for admittance are high and it is usually booked at least one year in advance.

There are no regulations regarding the use of hydrated lime for lining sports fields that we are aware of. The material is not recommended because if the powder gets on a wet skin surface, for example in the eyes, it can cause much discomfort or even burn. Another material, calcium oxide, should never be used for the same reason.

There are latex paint materials available for lining fields, however, they tend to be expensive and are removed in mowing. Ground stone dust is often used. One material is ground calcite obtained from Steep Rock Calcite, Perth, Ontario (phone: 613-267-5367). Ground calcite limestone can also be used. Mr. Bladon will have an article in the forthcoming issue of our Newsletter on the subject.

Thank you for your interest in our organization.

Have a good day,

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