

1. Name, location of facility. CN Sportsplex, Moncton, New Brunswick.

2. General information regarding the facility. The Sportsplex is located on a 250-acre site where the main shops for the CNR were located until it closed its doors in the 1970s. There is now a state of the art four-ice arena along with six soccer and 10 baseball fields. There is also a new sport dome for indoor soccer and a driving range (privately owned) that is a great addition to the site.

3. What types of sports fields are on site? There are 10 ball fields and six soccer pitches. There is approximately 50,000 tons of sand, 20,000 tons of peastone and 5,000 yards of compost for soil amending.

4. How many employees are involved with turf care at this facility? There are 10-12 people who look after the site.

5. How many acres of turf are maintained at this facility? How many acres of sports turf? On 100 acres of land, there are 23 acres of sand based Kentucky Blue.

6. What percentage of this acreage is irrigated? All the fields are irrigated.

7. What is the primary type of turfgrass? Kentucky Blue.

8. Is yearly overseeding part of your sports turf maintenance program? We overseed the heavy traffic areas, goal-mouths, and wherever necessary for weed prevention.

9. How many times do you fertilize? We fertilize three to four times a year using a PSCU product and some organic products.

10. Do you aerate? Topdress? We aerate and topdress every spring and fall.

11. Has your municipality banned the use of pesticides? We do not practice any pesticide use.

12. Are community user groups involved or have they been involved in the construction/maintenance of this facility? Soccer New Brunswick and Codiac Soccer look after bookings and field closures.

13. 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? The fields see 250-300 hours of play in a season. It is not too often that the fields get a rest but we sometimes cancel in a heavy rainstorm due to the amount of damage done to the turf when it is wet. I can make the call at any given time regarding closures. ◆

