

NATURAL GRASS & ARTIFICIAL TURF: SEPARATING MYTHS & FACTS

Latest Release From The Turf Resource Center

Natural Grass and Artificial Turf: Separating Myths and Facts is the newest booklet published by The Turf Resource Center to help decision makers and the general public make informed decisions regarding the installation of natural grass or artificial turf in their communities. The 32-page booklet is based upon information from some of the industry's most highly respected research scientists, sports field managers, contractors and other professionals.

the NFL club's playing surfaces of natural grass compared to artificial turf. A total of 1,511 active NFL players from all 32 teams voluntarily completed a survey form. Their professional opinions should be of significant interest to any decision maker before selecting a natural grass or artificial turf installation in their community.

Subsequent chapters discuss "Cost Analysis of Various Types of Sports Fields," "Problems with Wear, Durability and Maintenance Studies," "Safety and



Throughout the booklet, readers will find commonly heard myths followed by scientifically documented facts about artificial turf and natural grass. The book points out, "While there are situations when artificial turf might be appropriate, scientific research documents the significant environmental, health and safety benefits of natural grass should logically be the first consideration."

A downloadable version of *Natural Grass and Artificial Turf: Separating Myths and Facts* is available at www.TurfResourceCenter.org. Also posted is an order form to request 10 or more free hardcopies of the booklet with a nominal charge for shipping and handling, subject to approval of The Turf Resource Center. For more information, contact The Turf Resource Center at 847-649-5555.

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Natural Grass and Artificial Turf: Separating Myths and Facts has an easy-to-read format, providing answers to questions that decision makers must address as their decisions have significant short and long-term health and safety, fiscal and environmental impacts on the constituents within their communities.

The booklet's first chapter presents findings from the National Football League Players Association survey that determined their experiences and thoughts concerning

Human Health Issues," "Environmental and Cultural Benefits," and "Safety and Health Questions to be Asked." Each chapter presents credible information about the differences in natural grass and synthetic turf, with a comparison of advantages, benefits and disadvantages. Case studies, detailed references and in-depth scientifically-documented information by renowned scientists present the true costs, environmental, safety and other differences between these surfaces.



STA 2009-2010 BOARD

The Sports Turf Association elected its 2009/2010 officers and directors at the Annual General Meeting held during the Ontario Turfgrass Symposium on February 18. Front left to right: Paul Turner, Lee Huether (Executive Manager), Paul Gillen, Andrew Gaydon. Middle left to right: Gord Dol, Grant Mckeich, Bruce Carman, Rick Lane, Jason Inwood. Back left to right: Murray Cameron, Bob Kennedy, Bill Clausen. Absent from photo: Jane Arnett-Rivers, Dave Chapman, Tennessee Propedo. See Gord Dol's column on page 3 for further details.