

Facility Profile

GLEN ABBEY RECREATION FACILITY, OAKVILLE, SITE OF STA FALL FIELD DAY

General information regarding the facility. Glen Abbey Recreation Facility, 1415 Third Line, Oakville, has three natural playing surfaces, one hardball, one softball and a field hockey pitch that doubles as a mini soccer field. Adjacent to the fields are a skateboard park, one basketball court and four outdoor tennis courts. The recreation building houses two community rinks, a gymnastic facility, squash courts, pool and a library facility for the Glen Abbey community.

What types of sports fields are on site? Natural? Synthetic?
All fields are natural and irrigated.

How many employees are involved with turf care at this facility?
No permanent staff are designated to the facility. It falls under an area serviced by one full-time sports field operator with two seasonal summer students. A sports field cutter cuts irrigated surfaces three times a week. Another crew cuts general parkland.

How many acres of turf are maintained at this facility? How many acres of sports turf? Glen Abbey is just over 5 hectares, three of which are used for playing surfaces.

What percentage of this acreage is irrigated? Over 50%. Baseball diamonds, the field hockey pitch and select shrub beds surrounding the site are on our central irrigation system.

What is the primary type of turfgrass? Name of varieties.
Perennial rye and Kentucky blue.

Is yearly overseeding part of your sports turf maintenance program? Yes, we overseed in the spring, summer and fall with extra attention paid to high traffic areas.

How many times do you fertilize? Irrigated surfaces are done three times; general parkland once.

Do you aerate? Topdress? We aerate 5x/year and topdress three times with lots of spot seeding/topdressing during play.

If applicable, what is your maintenance regimen for synthetic turf? Not applicable at this location.

Are community user groups involved or have they been involved in the construction/maintenance of this facility? In what manner? Community volunteer groups sometimes pick up litter in the skateboard area and along the creek trail.



2011 STA Fall Field Day at Glen Abbey in Oakville.

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? Our fields are operational from late April until mid-October, weather permitting. For the most part, our user groups are community based and school boards. Occasionally, we receive bookings for special events. We close the fields when we get inclement weather as long as permitting has enough notice to get the information to user groups. As far as closing to help the turf recuperate and do some maintenance, we are currently unable to do so because there is a lack of alternate sites for groups to be moved to.