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Sports Field Assessment

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An OTS Highlight Article. Assessment is an important part of any management plan, whether talking about managing businesses, facilities or sports fields. It provides information about what is being done correctly and what needs to be improved upon. In many cases, sports field assessment is not done regularly or it is not performed with the correct intent. This article will explore some of the types of sports fields assessment, help determine the goals of sports field assessment and will explore some common oversights in blending assessment with expectations.

Often the only assessment of a sports field occurs at the beginning of a game as the referee quickly peruses the field to assure that it will be safe for play. This is necessary and will identify irrigation heads that are stuck or possibly identify large holes in the field caused by concerts and other alternative uses. However, this assessment will not help the sport field manager fulfill the goals of identifying management problems and moving towards improving overall quality.

One of the most important steps of sports field assessment is to determine and explicitly state the goals of the assessment. There are many things that can be assessed. Generally we think of assessing the playing field but other things need to be addressed concurrently, such as construction, the management plan, the implementation of the management plan and possibly even the classification system that many municipalities and athletic facilities are implementing. The goals for identifying problems... → **page 6**

