

**JIM HERMANN ACHIEVES**

**CERTIFIED SPORTS FIELD MANAGER STATUS**

James Hermann, CSFM, President of Total Control, Inc. of Lebanon, New Jersey, has completed all steps to achieve the Certified Sports Field Manager designation. This Certification Program was developed and is coordinated by The Sports Turf Managers Association (STMA) to denote those individuals who have gone above and beyond the requirements of job performance and have demonstrated a superior level of competence.

Since 1986, Mr. Hermann has been President of Total Control, Inc., an athletic turf and field and commercial turf management and consulting company which also handles residential lawn care. In this capacity, Mr. Hermann has renovated and maintained several sports fields in the local area. Prior to 1986, Mr. Hermann served as farm manager for Sterlingbrook Farms in Pittstown, New Jersey, where he constructed and maintained a thoroughbred turf race track.

Just as great sports accomplishments raise the bar for all competitors, excellence in field care raises the level of expectations for all sports field managers. The results are better fields and safer fields at all levels of sports competition.

In order to qualify for the opportunity to test for certification status, the individual must achieve, and document the achievement of, a minimum of 40 points earned through a combination of education and experience.

While management of athletic playing surfaces requires a solid foundation in the principles of agronomics and turf physiology, there are certain elements of the process an individual must acquire through experience. The sports field manager must sometimes "tamper" with the laws of science to achieve immediate, short-term results. Then the manager must apply scientific principles to correct those inconsistencies and bring field conditions back in compliance with the same laws previously manipulated. Hands-on experience is required to do this successfully.

After verification of achievement of the 40 points in education and experience, the individual must take the Certified Sports Field Manager in-depth, four part written examination. This examination addresses competencies established by professionals, educators and researchers within the industry on agronomic, administration, pest management, and sports specific issues. In order to achieve certification, the individual must score a minimum of 80 percent on all four segments of the examination.

Those achieving CSFM status have demonstrated their personal level of professionalism and their ability to apply those professional standards in their own sports field management program.

The Certified Sports Field Manager status is designated by the initials CSFM after the name of a certified individual and the use of the CSFM logo on business cards, stationery and other correspondence. The three-year certification renewal cycle is designed to keep Certified individuals responsive to industry progress and technological advances.

If you are interested in meeting Jim or learning more about maintaining safe athletic fields you can attend the Rutgers Snyder Research and Extension Farm Fall Field Sports Field Managers Association of New Jersey

Day on October 10<sup>th</sup> in Pittstown, NJ. For registration forms call (908) 713-8980. ( See page 3 for details).

For more information on the Certified Sports Field Manager program, or the Sports Turf Managers Association and its goals and objectives, please contact:

STMA Executive Director Steve Trusty at 712/322-STMA or 800/323-3875, Fax: 712/366-9119 or e-mail: STMAHQ@st.coxmail.com. Visit STMA's website at: www.sportsturfmanager.com.

Or contact the New Jersey Chapter at 908-236-9118, Eleanora Murfitt, President ▲

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There is a 1990 publication (STP 1073) by American Society for Testing and Materials in which basic recommendations for baseball field safety are outlined. The ASTM also had a working committee on particle size guidelines for baseball fields that will soon be a national standard. ▲



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(Soil Science Simplified, 4<sup>th</sup> Ed., Milo Harpstead, pg 30)