is determined to have an average G_{max} value exceeding 200. ASTM adopted the maximum impact level of 200 average Gmax for use because this value was accepted by the U.S. Consumer Product Safety Commission for similar test methods.

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Sports Field of The Year

(F.O.Y.)

Proud of Your Field?

Want to Show Off Your Hard Work?

SFMANJ is inaugurating an annual New Jersey "field of the year" contest. Individual awards will be presented to the school, "F.O.Y." and parks/recreation "F.O.Y."

ENTERING is easy, send to: SFMANJ Contest, Po Box 370, Annandale, NJ 08801 Entries must be received by September 30, 2005

ELIGIBILITY:

*two categories; School or Parks/ Recreation <u>fields only</u>

*current member of SFMANJ

*natural grass fields

SEND:

*color photos of your natural grass field (10 maximum)

*name of facility and location

*name of owner

*your name, position and contact number

CRITERIA for awards:

*playability and appearance of the playing surfaces

*based on photos and a site visit by the SFMANJ Award Committee *feel free to have sports groups in your photo

AWARDS:

Winners will be honored with a plaque at New Jersey Turf Grass Expo in December 2005 and be interviewed for a feature article in SFMANJ "UPDATE" (Also receive a two-night stay at Taj Mahl, Atlantic City and three days of education)

NOTE:

*photos will <u>not</u> be returned and may be used on SFMANJ website and promotional settings. ◆

Question and Answer

Question: How do I calculate the amount of topdressing needed for my athletic field?

Answer: To calculate the amount of topdressing needed for your athletic field multiply the length in feet x width in feet x depth in inches x .0031.

Example: Calculate the amount of top-dressing needed to topdress a soccer field measuring 360' x 210' with 1/4" topdressing.

210' x 360' x .25" x .0031 = 58.59 cubic yards of material ◆



- HIGH QUALITY New Jersey Certified Bluegrass & Fescue Sod
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