

Overview

This standard is for those who implement plans for the management of sportsturf areas, including the maintenance, renovation and repair of sportsturf areas.

You must carry out your work in a way which will minimise the impact on the natural environment and enhance its nature, conservation and recreational value.

If you are working with chemicals or machinery you should be trained and hold certification in accordance with relevant legislation.

Performance criteria

You must be able to:

1. assess the risks associated with the site and the proposed works
2. maintain relevant environmental and health and safety legislation and codes of practice
3. inspect, assess and report on the condition of sportsturf areas
4. confirm plans for the management of sportsturf areas are consistent with the purpose and function of the sportsturf, rules of the sport and the specifications
5. determine the resources required to manage sportsturf areas
6. implement planned operations for managing sportsturf areas
7. assess the need for protection of sportsturf areas and provide suitable protection in accordance with the outcome of the assessment
8. monitor planned operations to ensure they meet the specifications
9. assess the results of planned operations confirming that agreed plans and standards have been achieved
10. minimise the risk to the public and operators
11. check the working methods are established and communicated clearly with all those involved in, or affected by the management of sportsturf areas
12. maintain working relations with all those involved in, or affected by, your work
13. confirm that the site has been left in a tidy and undamaged condition following operations
14. manage the disposal of waste and excess materials to minimise environmental risk in accordance with relevant legal requirements

Knowledge and understanding

You need to know and understand:

1. how to write and implement a risk assessment
2. the importance of inspecting, assessing and reporting on the condition of sportsturf areas
3. the purpose and functions of sportsturf and how these affect its management
4. understand the rules of the relevant sports and how they impact on the management of sportsturf areas
5. the principles and methods relating to the choice and operation of machinery for sportsturf management
6. consideration of soil types and condition in relation to sportsturf management
7. the considerations relating to the timing of sportsturf management
8. considerations relating to the choice of mowing regimes and other maintenance operations
9. the principles of identifying pathological and physiological disorders of sportsturf
10. the principles and techniques relating to the effects, choice and application of fertilisers
11. where to find sources of information on turf treatments
12. the factors affecting the type and extent of repairs and renovation to sportsturf areas
13. the methods of monitoring and assessing the effects of sportsturf management through data collection
14. the principles and methods of protecting repairs and renovations
15. what risks to the public may be present during sportsturf management activities and how to minimise them
16. the relevant legal and organisational requirements controlling the disposal of waste and excess materials
17. the typical problems that may arise and the action to take
18. the statutory requirements for the application of pesticides
19. the importance of maintaining communication with those involved in, or affected by, your work
20. your responsibilities under relevant health and safety legislation and codes of practice
21. the importance of following environmental and ecological best practice to help minimise the impact of your work on the environment

Scope/range

A. plan and implement the following sportsturf management activity:

1. cutting
2. edging
3. weed
4. pest and disease control
5. fertiliser application
6. aeration
7. top dressing
8. switching/brushing
9. scarifying/verticutting
10. irrigation
11. rolling
12. over-seeding
13. repairing edges

B. implement the following repair and renovation operations:

1. over-seeding
2. inserting turf
3. repairing edges

Glossary

Maintenance plan will include: cutting and edging, weeding, pest and disease control, application of fertiliser, aeration, top dressing, switching/brushing, over-seeding, inserting turf, repairing edges, scarifying/verticutting, irrigation, rolling, setting out equipment appropriate to the sport.

Specifications: drawings, schedules, method statements, Standard Operating Procedures (SOPs), manufacturers' guidelines, organisational policies.

Sportsturf areas, include, for example: football and rugby pitches, cricket pitch, tennis or lacrosse courts, athletics tracks, golf courses, race courses.

Test to collect data: Stimpmeter holing out test, Clegg Hammer bounce test, Moisture meter reading, smoothness and tureness.

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