
Overview

This standard covers the maintenance of the health of sports turf so that it is suitable for play.

It covers dealing with weeds, moss, pests, diseases and other disorders.

This standard is for those responsible for the maintenance of the health of sports turf.

If you are working with chemicals or machinery you need to be appropriately trained or certificated in line with current legislation.

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

**Performance
criteria**

You must be able to:

- P1 carry out all work in accordance with relevant environmental and health and safety legislation, risk assessment requirements, codes of practice and company policies
- P2 inspect the turf to establish its health and condition
- P3 identify conditions that threaten the health of the sports turf
- P4 report these conditions to the appropriate people
- P5 use, maintain and store tools and equipment in a safe, clean and effective condition throughout
- P6 apply treatments safely, effectively and without damage to surrounding areas, as instructed
- P7 deal with waste safely and correctly in accordance with instructions/legislation
- P8 restore the site to a clean and tidy condition
- P9 carry out work in a manner which prevents damage to the surrounding area

Knowledge and understanding

You need to know and understand:

- K1 your responsibilities under current environmental and health and safety legislation, codes of practice and company policies
- K2 the reasons for controlling weeds, pests, diseases, moss and disorders on sports surfaces
- K3 conditions that can affect the health of sports turf and the effects these conditions have on sports turf
- K4 who should be informed of conditions affecting sports turf and why
- K5 the effect of turf treatments and how to use these treatments effectively
- K6 what are the approved procedures for turf treatments and why it is important to follow these
- K7 use and application of different pesticides
- K8 how to handle, transport and dispose of waste in accordance with legal and organisational requirements
- K9 how to clean and store tools and equipment needed to control conditions and why safety measures are important
- K10 the potential impact of your work on the environment and how to minimise this
- K11 the importance of restoring the site to a clean and tidy condition
- K12 the relevant pieces of legislation and codes or practice governing the treatment and control of these conditions and what their main points are

Glossary

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

Inspecting the turf as requested.

Identifying ill health and potential causes of ill health in sports turf.

Controlling pests and diseases, weeds and moss in sports turf by physical, cultural and chemical methods using manual and powered equipment.

Rectifying soil and environmental conditions likely to cause ill health in turf.

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