



SYLLABUS FOR WINTER PITCHES, FOOTBALL & RUGBY

MAINTENANCE AND MANAGEMENT OF THE PITCH

FOUNDATION, ANNUAL PREPARATION AND MAINTENANCE – ONE DAY

- Definition of surface
- Assessment of surface
- Sequence of annual maintenance
- Mowing, scarification, verticutting
- Irrigation
- Fertiliser application
- Top dressing
- Surface drainage
- Brushing and dragmatting
- Aeration
- Rolling/Harrowing
- Seeding
- Setting out
- Marking out and marking compounds
- Line marking
- Pests and diseases
- Equipment and its maintenance
- Aspects of Health & Safety

INTERMEDIATE, INTRODUCTION TO THE THEORY – ONE DAY

- Definition of surface
- Assessment of surface
- Safe working practice
- Soils
- Basic Turfgrass identification
- Nutrients
- Fertilisers
- Pests, diseases, moss and weeds
- Top dressing
- Non turf surfaces
- New developments

ADVANCED, ADVANCED THEORY OF TURF CULTURE – ONE DAY

- Soils
- Drainage
- Grasses
- Fertilisers
- Managing nutrient levels
- Integrated Pest Management
- Performance Quality Standards

MANAGEMENT OF SPORTS TURF, MAINTENANCE TO MANAGEMENT – TWO DAYS

- Health & Safety
- Health & Safety legislation
- Performance Quality Standards
- Construction
- Management
- Budgets and resources
- Waste Management
- Conservation
- Machinery and equipment