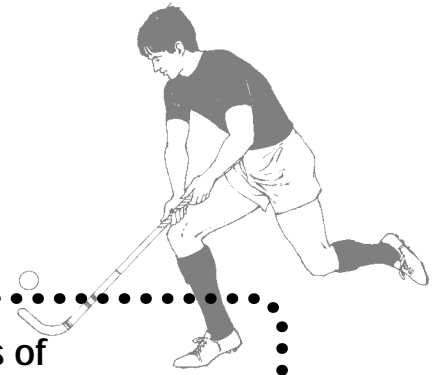


Twelve Steps to Safe Sports Turf



1. Commitment to safety in word and deed

Scheduling and use linked to quality and care
“duty to be responsible, duty to care and duty to provide standard of care”

7. Raise awareness of supplementary facilities

Be aware of lighting, fencing, signage, bleachers, etc.

2. Trained and dedicated staff

Invest in hiring and educating sports turf managers

8. Just say no!

Maintain and enforce appropriate field closure regulations

3. The right tool for the job

Invest in accessing to equipment to maximize efficiency, performance and safety

9. Engage players and coaches!

Small tasks (seeding divots, etc.) provide players with perspective on field safety

4. Build partnerships!

Field staff, coaches, players, administration and community invested in field safety

10. Player equipment standards

Insure appropriate safety equipment is used during play

5. Get it right from the start

Properly site and construct field with the help of qualified soil and turfgrass practitioners to maximize economic resources without compromising safety

11. “Dear Diary”

Accurate recordkeeping for consistency and historical management systems.

6. Maintain reasonable care

Implement nonnegotiable management plan to maximize turf and soil health

12. Attention to detail.

Poor infield lips, depressed areas and exposed rocks negate commitment to safety

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