

Title of Presentation: The Importance of Safety and Potential Liabilities for the Sports Turf Manager

Presentation Description*

This presentation will cover

Safety at your Facility starting with the playing surface, but will include equipment used during play and/or practice, safety on the sidelines, and safety for the spectators, showing examples of each situation

Will show and discuss four examples accidents that have occurred because of unsafe conditions, (See Outline)

Examples of the type of law suits filed because of injuries at sporting events

OSHA Compliance

Presentation Delivery

This presentation will be a PowerPoint presentation with a built in video clip including audio,

About 2 1/2 minutes in length

I have mine own laptop to do the presentation to ensure the video will work properly

Outline*

Why is Safety important to the Sports Turf Manager?

First rule of turf management is Safety and Playability, why are these principles so important?

Safety at your facility:

- Safe and unsafe playing surfaces both natural and synthetic turf, show examples

- Safe and unsafe operation of the equipment you use to maintain your field, show examples

- Safe and unsafely maintained game equipment used on the field during a game, show examples

- Safety off the field, where the spectators watch the event, show examples

Four examples of accidents that happen because of unsafe conditions

- The Houston, TX falling soccer goal incident, show soccer goal video

- The whirlpool incident at BYU

- The unsafe stadium gate incident at BYU

- No end zone net and the pageant woman at a football game incident at BYU

Litigation Examples

- Family proceeds with injury lawsuit from field mishap – Greenwich High School

OSHA

- Set up safety program

- Employee safety training programs

- Keep written records of employee safety training

- Hazard Analysis: Do regular safety audits of your facility

- Where to get OSHA information

Objectives of the Presentation*

After attending this session, the participant will be become more aware of safety conditions at his facility and will be able to bring his facility into compliance

Learn how to implement a safety program to ensure the safety of everyone that uses his facility including, the athletes, referees, coaches, and spectators

Become compliant with OSHA regulations (See Outline)

Supplies

A LCD projector to show a PowerPoint presentation, and an audio hook up to my laptop to show a video from within the PowerPoint presentation

Have you presented this topic before?

Yes—NRPA National Convention in Baltimore Maryland 2008, the presentation has been heavily redone to take in resent changes in law and circumstances

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