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A Sports Field Management Tool

# History



- **Two years in development**
- **One year in pilot phase**
- **Dozens of members provided input**

# Objectives

A close-up photograph of a soccer ball hitting a goal net. The ball is in the lower-left foreground, partially obscured by the white netting. The netting extends diagonally across the frame towards the upper-right. The background is a clear, bright blue sky. The overall image has a slightly blurred, artistic quality.

- Gain respect for members knowledge and expertise
- Provide relevant information to constituent groups including:
  - Media, coaches, parents, administrators, etc.
- Produce a quantifiable & recognizable tool of playability

Indicates strengths and weaknesses of playing surface



# Make Assessments





# Compartmentalize property into management zones



# Helps tweak current methods cultural & mechanical





# Quantify Needs: Products, Equipment, Services



# Valuable Tool

## PCI's value to members

- **Credibility > 'yours'**
- **Communication tool: user groups, media, employers, coaches, players, fans**
- **Validation of budget**
- **Support for additional resources**
- **The PCI & a camera keeps your head in the game**

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- **Easy to fill out**
- **Snapshot in time**
- **Consistent use provides the most valuable information**

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