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FOOTBALL / SOCCER FIELD SAFETY AND MAINTENANCE CHECKLIST

INSPECTOR: _____ **DATE OF INSPECTION:** _____
FIELD: _____

The frequency of inspection for each area will depend on how intense the football or soccer facility is used. Increased use of the facility will require increased inspection and maintenance. Items with an asterisk (*) indicate priority for safety improvement. Items with double asterisks (**) are dangerous and require immediate attention. The safety checklist can also be used to develop a routine maintenance schedule.

Check each box "NA" if area "needs attention". When repairs are needed, write a comment about each problem area and note the scheduled and actual repair date.

TURF AREAS **REPAIR DATE**

OK NA

- * 1. There are unsafe bare spots in turf with a hard soil surface exposed.
- * 2. The surface is uneven because of soil grade.
- * 3. Soil is too wet or drains poorly making an unsafe running surface.
- 4. Turf is not uniform in texture, density, or height making an unsafe playing surface.
- 5. Turf irrigation comes on during games or practices.
- 6. Turf is not stable and "blow-outs" frequently occur.
- 7. Weeds are present with thorns, bristles, or burrs.
- ** 8. Moles, gophers or other animals have caused mounds or holes.
- ** 9. Hazardous ruts occur on the field from mowing equipment or trenching.
- ** 10. Permanent materials used to mark lines (i.e., white boards or fire hose) are protruding from the surface.

COMMENTS:



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PLAYING SURFACE

REPAIR DATE

OK NA

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|--------------------------|--------------------------|----|--|
| <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | ** | 1. Maintenance equipment such as rakes, hoses, etc. have been left on the field. |
| <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | * | 2. Practice equipment is left on the playing surface. |
| <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | * | 3. Litter and unsafe debris is scattered around the field and player/spectator areas. |
| <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | | 4. The supply and location of waste cans is inadequate. |
| <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | ** | 5. Sprinkler heads, drainage grates, valve boxes, etc. in the field are above grade or have sharp edges or unsafe protrusions. |
| <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | ** | 6. There have been recurring accidents from players running into surrounding objects such as fencing, light posts, bleachers, etc. |
| <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | * | 7. Our facility does not comply with industry recommended field design specifications. |

COMMENTS:

FENCING

REPAIR DATE

OK NA

- | | | | |
|--------------------------|--------------------------|----|--|
| <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | | 1. Fence posts are loose or improperly set in the ground. |
| <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | * | 2. Fence posts are on the inside of the playing area fence. |
| <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | ** | 3. Concrete footings are exposed above ground. |
| <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | * | 4. Fencing is not securely attached to the fence posts with loose or broken ties. |
| <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | * | 5. There are unsafe gaps under fencing. |
| <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | | 6. There is no bottom tension wire or railing to secure the bottom of the fence. |
| <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | | 7. There is no top railing to secure fence at the top. |
| <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | ** | 8. Wire ends of chain link fencing are exposed along the top. |
| <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | ** | 9. There are damaged portions of fencing that are loose, sharp, protruding, or unsafe. |
| <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | | 10. Gates are left open during games. |



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FENCING (Cont.)

REPAIR DATE

OK NA

11. There is loose or unattached fence crown, windscreen, netting, or padding.

COMMENTS:

LIGHTING

REPAIR DATE

OK NA

- * 1. The lighting was not designed, installed, or inspected by properly trained engineers or technicians.
- * 2. There are burned out lights.
- ** 3. The beam direction of the lights are out of adjustment.
- * 4. The lighting grid pattern on the field is uneven or irregular.
- * 5. The lighting foot-candles do not meet industry recommended specifications.

COMMENTS:

BLEACHERS / PLAYER BENCHES

REPAIR DATE

OK NA

- ** 1. The nuts and bolts on the bleachers are loose, missing, or protruding.
- ** 2. The guard rails are loose or missing.
- ** 3. The plank or railing end caps are loose or missing.
- * 4. Wooden planks are worn out or splintered.
- ** 5. There are hazardous protrusions or sharp edges.

COMMENTS:



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GENERAL SAFETY CONSIDERATIONS

REPAIR DATE

OK NA

- * 1. Goal posts or goals are cracked, broken, loose, not anchored, or are out of alignment.
- ** 2. The marking material used is irritating to the eyes.
- * 3. There are no warning signs posted informing players or spectators of use rules or hazardous conditions.
- ** 4. There are no public telephones available for emergency situations.
- ** 5. Areas that are hazardous or under repair have not been blocked off or identified.
- 6. There is currently no communication between the maintenance staff and the facility users.

COMMENTS:

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