



SPORTS TURF MANAGER OF THE YEAR

A Professional Award Program of Sports Turf Canada

With the Cooperation and Sponsorship of the Guelph Turfgrass Institute

Sports Turf Canada is the Canadian professional association dedicated to the promotion of better, safer sports turf through innovation, education and professional programs. In order to further this goal, and to encourage, support and acknowledge those working in the sports turf industry, the association has established the Sports Turf Manager of the Year Award program. By sponsoring this award, the Guelph Turfgrass Institute wishes to assist Sports Turf Canada in the recognition of sports turf managers who exemplify vision and leadership in the sports turf industry.

Purpose

- To recognize a sports turf manager for his or her professional ability and contribution to the Canadian sports turf industry
- To show appreciation for the individual's proactive and progressive efforts within the profession and the industry

Eligibility

- Nominees must be current non-commercial members in good standing of Sports Turf Canada
- Members of the Sports Turf Canada Board of Directors or Awards Committee are not eligible as nominator or nominee
- Sponsors are not eligible as nominator or nominee

Criteria

We invite nominations for an individual who is:

- Engaged in a management or practitioner role in the sports turf industry
- Engaged in regular professional development activities
- Regarded as an active contributor to the profession and the industry
- Regarded as progressive, displaying outstanding performance in any one of a number of key categories, suggested but not limited to:
 - Community Outreach
 - Commitment to Continuing Education and Professional Development (i.e. accrual of a diploma, degree or special certification)
 - Environmental Stewardship/Green Initiatives (i.e. responsible nutrient management, carbon reductions, water conservation, habitat creation, facility improvements, etc.)
 - Health and Safety (internal or external)
 - Progressive Management Techniques for Sports Turf
 - Project Management
 - Special Promotion of the Profession
 - Stewardship of Interns or Students
 - Workplace Improvements and/or innovations
 - Other

Policies

- Nominees will be judged on the basis of the information contained in the Nomination Form and supplementary material
- Nominations must be received by January 15 for consideration
- Presentation will be made to the award recipient at an appropriate industry conference or event

Nomination Requirements

Nominator must submit:

- A completed **SPORTS TURF MANAGER OF THE YEAR** Nomination Form (below)
 - Supplementary information detailing the manner in which the Nominee meets the Criteria and the particulars of why the Nominee should be considered for the **SPORTS TURF MANAGER OF THE YEAR** Award. Letters of support (maximum of 3) will strengthen the nomination.
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SPORTS TURF MANAGER OF THE YEAR Nomination Form

Nominee

Name: _____ Employer: _____

Address: _____

Phone number: _____ Email: _____

Nominator

Name: _____ Employer: _____

Address: _____

Phone number: _____ Email: _____

Relationship to the Nominee: _____

The information provided in this Nomination Form and supplementary documentation is accurate and true to the best of my knowledge.

Date: _____ Nominator Signature: _____

About Sports Turf Canada

Sports Turf Canada was established in 1987 when after a brain storming session at the University of Guelph a broad segment of the turf industry endorsed its need. Of particular concern at that meeting was the need to minimize and avoid injury to participants using athletic fields where they relate to sports turf. Over a quarter-century later Sports Turf Canada continues to promote better, safer sports turf through innovation, education and professional programs. Visit us at www.sportsturfcanada.com.

About GTI

Home to Sports Turf Canada, the Guelph Turfgrass Institute was established in 1987 to conduct research and extension and provide information on turfgrass production and management to members of the Canadian turfgrass industry. The institute is supported by the university, the Ontario Ministry of Agriculture, Food and Rural Affairs and the turfgrass industry. As one of very few turfgrass research facilities in Canada, the institute is recognized as a world-class leader for research, education and professional development for the study of turf. Building on the University of Guelph's long-standing expertise in turfgrass science, the research activities of the institute continue to focus in areas such as the environmental aspects of pesticide use (fate and persistence), evaluation of grass species, varieties and seeding methods, sports field construction, fertility and management programs, pesticide use and the biological and cultural control of diseases and weeds. Visit us at www.guelphTurfgrass.ca, Like us on Facebook www.Facebook.com/GuelphTurf, and follow us on Twitter www.Twitter.com/GuelphTurf.