



## **NIAAA FIELD RENOVATION PARAMETERS**

The NIAAA Sports Turf Committee will conduct an annual field renovation project for a high school. To be eligible for consideration, the school's athletic director must be a member of the National Interscholastic Athletic Administrators Association. An application submitted by November 1 will be considered for the next year's field renovation. A school's application and photos of the field to be renovated should be sent electronically to the NIAAA. The school that is selected will be notified in February of the year the project is to be completed.

The renovation would take place in the summer or fall when the field is not in use. If the renovation involves work on the turf and there is a risk that the heat could jeopardize the renovation by stressing the turf, the renovation would likely take place in September.

The time allotted for the renovation project is one day. However, the committee may need a half-day or full-day before the renovation to prep the field depending on scope of the project. The NIAAA Sports Turf Committee is limited as to the types of renovations that they can accomplish in one day. The following are examples of the types of field renovations that the NIAAA Sports Turf Committee can do:

### **1. For turf (applies to a football, baseball, softball or soccer field)**

- Field layout
- Aerification
- Fertilization
- Seeding
- Weed control
- Topdress
- Minor sod repair
- Mowing

### **2. Baseball/Softball**

- Re-establish boundaries and edge skinned areas
- Check field layout and measurements
- Reinstall bases (if not at proper distance or properly aligned)
- Level skinned area
- Add soil conditioners to skinned area
- Rebuild mound and home plate areas
- Edge base paths and add material
- Minor sod repair around home plate and mound
- Repair/add minor irrigation
- Establish grass infield

### **3. General**

- Minor fence repair
- Repair/add minor irrigation

#### **A. The NIAAA Sports Turf Committee will provide at no cost to the school:**

1. Industry professionals and equipment (i.e., mower, aerifier, top dresser, seed, fertilizer, herbicide, etc.) required to perform the renovation.
2. The opportunity for your field managers, and interested individuals to work side by side with industry professionals on the renovation project and learn about the processes and practices utilized for the renovation.
3. A written plan for managing the renovated area.

#### **B. The host school shall provide:**

1. A field renovation application form and photos of the field on which the renovation is to take place, including photos of the areas to be renovated should be sent electronically to the following individuals:

Bruce Whitehead, NIAAA Executive Director, [bwhitehead@niaaa.org](mailto:bwhitehead@niaaa.org)

Brad Rumble, NIAAA Sports Turf Committee Liaison, [brumble@kc.rr.com](mailto:brumble@kc.rr.com)

2. Labor consisting of the coaches whose teams use the field, your grounds management personnel, booster club members and student athletes. These individuals would not only assist the NIAAA Sports Turf Committee and industry professionals in the renovation, but they would learn various renovation practices. Coaches, athletic directors and field managers from other schools should also be invited to observe.
3. Various tools and equipment such as shovels, rakes, hammers, pliers, wheel barrow, hoses, etc. (The NIAAA Sports Turf Committee will provide you with a list of the tools that would be needed one month in advance of the renovation project.)
4. Secured storage for equipment, i.e., mower, utility vehicle, seed, fertilizer, etc.
5. Water source at the project site.
6. Lunch for those who participate in the renovation.
7. Bottled water and assorted beverages at the renovation site.
8. A three-year commitment to maintaining the field as recommended by the NIAAA Sports Turf Committee. This commitment shall include an annual written report documenting that the recommended management practices specified by the NIAAA Sports Turf Committee have been followed. Photos showing the condition of the field shall also accompany the written report.
9. Media coverage (local, and if possible, state) on the day of the renovation and seek copies of articles about the renovation to be shared with the NIAAA.
10. Video footage (broadcast quality) of the renovation for promotional use by the NIAAA.
11. A photographer to take photos of the renovation process. Photos are to be shared with the NIAAA.