## Spring Sports Minimal Management Schedule

Management schedules are approximate “ideal” timing for specific practices. These timings will be adjusted based on weather conditions, soil type, and field use.

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### Mowing
Keep mower blades sharp to reduce turf injury and fuel usage.

- Establish mowing height appropriate for particular sport. Increase mowing frequency to increase turf density.
- Mow at the highest recommended cutting height for the grass species growing that minimizes mowing.

### Watering
Base irrigation on ET, soil moisture, overseed, and field use.

- Inability to supply water during dry periods increases risk of injury from excessive surface hardness and thin turf.
- When possible follow the Medium Management program by borrowing irrigation equipment.

### Fertilizing
Amount of Nitrogen per 1,000 sq. ft.
- Use soil test for potassium (K) recommendations.
- Follow NYS law and do not apply fertilizer before April 1.
- Check local fertilizer laws.
- Apply before season starts, at green up, ½# of a 50% water soluble nitrogen source in mid-late May.
- Apply ½# of a 50% water soluble nitrogen source in mid-October.
- Apply ½# of a 100% water soluble nitrogen source in mid-October.
- Fertilizer applications may be restricted, check local fertilizer laws.

### Cultivating
Avoid aerifying when turf is under stress or soil is too dry or too wet.

- Inability to cultivate will increase risk of injury from excessive surface hardness and thin turf.
- When possible follow the Medium Management program by borrowing cultivation equipment.

### Overseeding
Focus on high-use areas.

- Seed perennial rye at 2#/1,000 sq. ft. weekly in high-use areas.

### Topdressing
For leveling low spots, reducing thatch, improving seedbed.

- Inability to topdress will increase risk of injury from irregularities in the surface.
- When possible follow the Medium Management program by borrowing topdressing equipment.