

Maintenance Workshop - Best Practice in 3G Pitch Maintenance

19th November 2015 at McDiarmid Park Perth



7Timings	Description of Lecture/ Demonstrations
9:30 – 10:00	Set Up and Registration
10:00 – 10:20	Introduction: 3G Maintenance <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The X factor, the Pro v Community Challenge, Maintenance Mastermind Speaker: Cameron Watt (Scottish FA - Facilities Manager)
10:25 – 10:40	'FIFA/ World Rugby update' <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Update on the new FIFA manual and World Rugby requirements Speaker: Niall MacPhee (Sports Labs Ltd – Business Development Manager)
10:45 – 11:15	'Brief Background to Synthetic Turf Pitches' <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Types of construction and materials used and how this can ultimately affect subsequent maintenance of pitches • 3G surface variants; pile heights and shock pads, types of infill • The affects of use and aging on the durability and performance of artificial turf Speaker: Eric O'Donnell (Sports Labs Ltd – Managing Director)
11:20 – 11:50	'The Purpose of Maintenance' <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Level of maintenance vs. usage • Budgeting for pitch maintenance at pitch design • What happens when a pitch is not maintained? • Information required from the manufacturer and contractor on handover of facility • Different types of maintenance/ typical frequencies; brushing, tinning, decompaction Speaker: Luke McGeehan (Sales Director - Ecosse Sports Ltd / Replay Maintenance)
11:55 – 12:10	'Is your maintenance kit up to the job'? Speaker: Dougie Archibald (Northern Territory Manager - Charterhouse)
12:15 – 13:15	'Pitch Demonstration Area' Maintenance kit and methodologies/ techniques (<i>carried out by Replay Maintenance, with a number of experts on hand to assist with any questions you might have</i>)
13:15 – 14:00	LUNCH
14:00 – 14:20	'Testing for Ground Staff' <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Rudimentary testing to index the performance of a pitch before and after maintenance • Routine maintenance tests which can help ground staff index the state of a pitch • What ground staff should carry out routinely on their own (testing and checks) • Demonstration of rudimentary tests • Testing and preparing for this FIFA accreditation and protecting this Speaker: Keith Macpherson (Sports Labs Ltd – International Field Testing Manager)
14:25 – 14:45	'A Groundsman's Perspective – from natural grass to 3G!' <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Balancing usage across entire pitch • Inspection of surfaces and most common problems • Common areas of heavy wear • Regular maintenance regimes • Infill levels and regularly checking these to indentify topping up requirements (weather and how it affects maintenance) Speaker: William Watson (Head Groundsman - Hamilton FC)
14:50 – 15:05	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Maintenance Logs; best types • Worked up examples of good and bad logs Speaker: Eric O'Donnell (Sports Labs Ltd)
15:10 – 15:30	Closing Remarks Speakers: Luke McGeehan, Eric O'Donnell and Cameron Watt