

## *Athletic Turf Manager*

### Description

Athletic turf managers are responsible for producing and maintaining sporting grounds. They ensure the turf and surrounds are pristine. They plan, oversee, and project-manage major athletic grounds and field renovation projects. Additionally, they develop and manage budgets related to athletic fields and grounds.

### Education/Training Requirements

- Bachelor's degree in Turf Grass Management (usually required)

### Recommended High School Coursework

- Agriculture Education
- Biology
- Chemistry
- Environmental Science
- Mathematics
- Spanish

### Common Responsibilities

- Develop and implement plans for the successful maintenance of all athletic fields and grounds
- Plan, oversee and project-manage major athletic grounds and field renovation projects
- Oversee assigned personnel
- Develop and manage budgets related to athletic fields and grounds
- Purchase, maintain and manage inventory of athletic field maintenance equipment and supplies
- Supervise the conversion and protection of athletic fields during special events
- Restore fields damaged by weather, use or other conditions
- Manage and review irrigation system performance and initiate changes when necessary
- Attend sporting events to supervise field use

### Typical Employers

Athletic turf managers can work for universities, golf courses, municipal stadiums and professional sporting teams.

### Additional Resources

[Golf Course Superintendent's Association](#)

[National Turfgrass Federation](#)

[Sports Turf Managers Association](#)