Pesticides on Turfgrass
Jay Gan, Ph.D., University of California, Riverside
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Maintenance of high quality sports turf, including golf courses, rely on the adequate use of pesticides in order to protect against pests, and restore the competitive balance in favor of the turf. This session will cover two facets of pesticides on turfgrass. One will be the fate of pesticides in the environment and strategies for minimizing pesticide runoff and offsite movement. The other will cover cultural and chemical practices for managing specific weeds in turfgrass with various stressful conditions. Examples will be drawn from golf courses and professional sports fields, all the way down to your children's back-up soccer fields, with suggestions how you can help create and maintain a safer and better performing turfgrass.

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Evaluating and Amending Soil
Kurt Kurtz, Ph.D., Calif. State Polytechnic Univ., Pomona
Dirk Muntzian, Soil and Plant Laboratory, Inc.
Maintenance of high quality sports turf, including golf. There are many types of soils used for the construction and establishment of turfgrasses on sports fields. Poor soil physical properties and fertility imbalances reduce turf health, quality, and performance. Many potential problems can be solved by thorough examination and correction prior to turf planting. This session will provide the turf professional with a checklist of potential problems that can be adjusted or corrected prior to turf installation by considering types of field materials or soils, pre-plant fertilizers, and organic amendments.

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Synthetic Infill vs. Natural Turf
A.J. Powell, Ph.D., University of Kentucky
Darrin Gill, Field Turf
The examination of construction, maintenance, renovation, repair and other costs for a natural grass field and synthetic infills including as testing for safety and performance. The differences between polyethylene yarn type synthetic infills and nylon non-infilled fields that have higher sports shoe traction test results and the ball bounce and rebound that closely resemble the performance of a natural field will be explored.

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Managing Healthy Sports Fields
Tom Samples, Ph.D., University of Tennessee
Paul Sach, North County Organics
Many of today's new products and technologies can help sports turf managers maintain healthy, wear-resistant turf. Timely mowing, fertilization, watering, aeration and pest control are fundamental. Learn that the vast majority of soil organisms are beneficial in a functioning ecosystem.

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