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Ask a CSFM

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Benefits of certification verified

Editor's note: This is another installment on how becoming a Certified Sports Field Manager (CSFM) can benefit turf managers professionally as well as improve their facilities



How did you prepare for the CSFM Exam?

Creadon: I prepared for the exam by utilizing my education in Horticulture and Business Administration, 23 years experience in the field, and prior to the exam by again reading the book by Puhalla, Krans and Goatley, *Sports Fields: A Manual for Design, Construction and Maintenance*.

How did you approach your employer to support your certification, both financially and in the time needed to prepare for the exam?

Creadon: I paid for the expenses out my own pocket and did all of the preparation on my own time.

Why did you decide to pursue certification?

Creadon: I decided to pursue the certification for purposes of networking and to take advantage of any continued professional development opportunities available through the STMA. I also decided to pursue the certification for reasons of credibility and to increase my value on the market should the need ever arise to have to pursue employment elsewhere.

How has certification helped your career?

Creadon: In terms of how it has helped my career I already am at the highest position attainable in this area at our institution, but I am using the certification in terms of the credibility it offers to try and persuade my employer to put a greater emphasis and financial commitment into the upgrading and maintenance of our athletic facilities as well as all of our grounds throughout the entire District. ■