2010 NFLPA Playing Surfaces Opinion Survey

NO MATTER WHICH SIDE YOU TAKE on the current labor situation in the National Football League, or if like most people you just shake your head over egos that can't divide up $9 billion, we can all agree on one thing—results of the annual playing surface opinion survey the players' union conducts sure are interesting! The survey was conducted by the NFLPA at team meetings during September through November 2010. A total of 1619 active NFL Players from all 32 teams voluntarily participated. Here are selected results from the latest version:

Which surface do you think is more likely to contribute to injury?
- Grass 15.9%
- Artificial Infilled 82.4%
- No preference 9%

Which surface do you think causes more soreness and fatigue to play on?
- Grass 9.2%
- Artificial Infilled 89.1%
- No preference 9%

Which surface do you think is more likely to shorten your career?
- Grass 7.6%
- Artificial Infilled 89.7%
- No preference 9%

Cold weather cities.
We need better practice fields. Level and eliminate holes, divots and uneven ground.
Cold weather grass teams should have road trips late in the season to avoid playing on frozen surfaces. There should be no games played on grass fields the same weekend as another event.
Even [placement] of rubber material is needed, specifically comfortable give in twists and turns and level in height with no bumps.
Every stadium should be evaluated properly every week prior to game day.
If it’s a multi-purpose stadium, mandate that it’s artificial. If only one team [use] then it can be grass. Force Chicago and Pittsburgh to go turf.
More time and money need to be spent on the fields. College surfaces are better.
Use softer bermuda grass with sand.
No more non updated artificial turf that is hard and over filled with ground up rubber and cheap top layer grass that you can pull off like a cheap toupee like Kansas City.

SUGGESTED CHANGES FOR IMPROVEMENT
Artificial surfaces should be required in cold weather cities.

Best Grass Playing Field
1 ARIZONA CARDINALS: University of Phoenix Stadium
2 TAMPA BAY BUCCANEERS: Raymond James Stadium
3 SAN DIEGO CHARGERS: Qualcomm Stadium
4 CAROLINA PANTHERS: Bank of America Stadium
5 GREEN BAY PACKERS: Lambeau Field
6 MIAMI DOLPHINS: Sun Life Stadium
7 HOUSTON TEXANS: Reliant Stadium
8 JACKSONVILLE JAGUARS: Everbank Field
9 DENVER BRONCOS: Invesco Field at Mile High
10 TENNESSEE TITANS: LP Field
11 WASHINGTON REDSKINS: FedEx Field
12 SAN FRANCISCO 49ERS: Candlestick Park
13 KANSAS CITY CHIEFS: Arrowhead Stadium
14 PHILADELPHIA EAGLES: Lincoln Financial Field
15 PITTSBURGH STEELERS: Heinz Field
16 CLEVELAND BROWNS: Cleveland Browns Stadium
17 CHICAGO BEARS: Soldier Field
18 OAKLAND RAIDERS: Oakland Coliseum

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Best Artificial Infilled Playing Field
1 INDIANAPOLIS COLTS: Lucas Oil Stadium
2 NEW YORK JETS/GIANTS: New Meadowlands Stadium
3 NEW ORLEANS SAINTS: Louisiana Superdome
4 SEATTLE SEAHAWKS: Qwest Field
5 DALLAS COWBOYS: Cowboys Stadium
6 ATLANTA FALCONS: Georgia Dome
7 NEW ENGLAND PATRIOTS: Gillette Stadium
8 DETROIT LIONS: Ford Field
9 BALTIMORE RAVENS: M&T Bank Stadium
10 CINCINNATI BENGALS: Paul Brown Stadium
11 MINNESOTA VIKINGS: Metrodome
12 BUFFALO BILLS: Ralph Wilson Stadium

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