

## APRIL

### TACKLE WEEDS AND MOSS

Sports areas that have been wet for some time over the Winter, will have allowed moss and weeds to settle in, so now is the time to act to remove them and allow the grass to grow without competition.

There are a few products available, but these are dependent on what experience and certificates the person applying them has.

Products that are suitable for everyone are Weed, Feed & Moss Killers (WFMK) or a traditional fertiliser.

With the drier, better weather there is an opportunity to apply a WFMK or a NPK+mosstop granular fertiliser application immediately. This will not only feed your areas, but also tackle the moss and weeds before they spread further across your playing area.

The benefits of “feeding out” your weed and moss is that it allows your grass species to fill in gaps in the sward, stronger and healthier. With regular feeding, it will also help keep your surfaces’ recovery consistently due to the wear and tear that it will endure.

Applying a WFMK with temperatures in the soil improving, will result in more a more efficient uptake of the active ingredients in the plant (the grass). The plant will grow, and moss will start to die off, and will be visible around 7-10 days after application. Watch out for the odd stubborn one which can easily be dug or picked out.

For those with spraying licences (these are only required to apply, not purchase) weed eradication can also be achieved by spraying TurfMaster selective weed killer which will work in the same way as WFMK and “feeding out”, but more quickly, as it will target the weed on contact. An enhancer, such as Ruby, added to this mix would help the efficiency further, with the selective herbicide sticking and targeting those weeds that are present.

Whichever your chosen course of treatment, after a couple of weeks, the moss and weeds will weaken, which will allow you do some raking or even some scarifying work to pull out all the unwanted debris and decaying moss and weeds.



