

# Sports Field of the Year

## Nomination Form

The Tennessee Turfgrass Association (TTA) recognizes that you make personal and professional contributions to our industry and to the organization you serve. Therefore, the TTA would like to distinguish fields across the state with the **Sports Fields of the Year Award**. Through these awards we are able to further one main element of our mission which is to gain acknowledgement for the professionalism of our members.

### Criteria for Consideration

The following criteria must be met to submit for the Tennessee Turfgrass Association Sports Field of the Year Award

- For the purposes of this award, a "field" constitutes ONE natural grass playing surface
- To be considered a field must have had two full seasons of play (may be concurrent, i.e., football and soccer on the same field in the fall, etc.)
- All materials must be submitted in one application packet to be considered.

### How to Apply

1. Please type or print legibly your answers to all questions in Section I.
2. In Section II, you will be asked to write an essay. Complete the essay on a separate page and attach it to this application.
3. In Section III, you will be asked to submit photographs of the golf course with captions. Those can be emailed to [awards@ttaonline.org](mailto:awards@ttaonline.org).
4. Mail the application and all attachments to Tennessee Turfgrass Association, 400 Franklin Rd, Franklin, TN 37069 or email to [awards@ttaonline.org](mailto:awards@ttaonline.org) no later than August 1, 2018.

### Section I. Nominee Information

<b>Name of Field</b>
<b>Location</b>
<b>Level of Play</b>
<input type="checkbox"/> Professional <input type="checkbox"/> Collegiate <input type="checkbox"/> High School <input type="checkbox"/> Municipal <input type="checkbox"/> Other:
<b>Head Turf Manager</b>
<b>Phone Number</b>
<b>Email Address</b>

### Section II. Essay

In a type-written 350 word or less essay, give an explanation of any special challenges faced by you and/or your team. These challenges may include funding, lack of labor, weather, drought, event preparations/conversions, or anything else that you feel the awards committee should know about why this field should be recognized as **Sports Field of the Year**. Include anything unusual or new that you have done to overcome these challenges. The awards committee is looking for innovative solutions to playing surface problems.

### Section III. Photographs

Include a minimum of two original photographs of the course with captions. The committee encourages creative photos, photos that show the versatility of the field, display unique characteristics of the field and shots that show the unique talents of the crew. Focus on issues specific to your field that tell the story; issues such as drainage, traffic, weather, etc. Provide before and after shots and pictures that reflect the true struggles and triumphs of you and your crew.

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Name of Person Submitting Nomination

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