

ATHLETIC FIELD GROUNDS WORKER

CLASS SUMMARY

Under direction – is responsible for all grounds maintenance work, including evaluation, renovation, irrigation and all aspects of the turf management of the college athletic fields/athletic facilities; prepares playing fields and facilities for athletic events and performs related duties as required.

REPRESENTATIVE DUTIES

Maintains all outdoor athletic facilities including all fields, tennis courts, track and adjacent areas; marks play control lines for baseball, softball, football and other sports; maintains turf and irrigation system in optimal condition; checks fields for proper ground conditions; rakes dirt areas to obtain proper playing consistency; checks control lines prior to games; operates automotive and mechanical equipment; installs sprinkler and irrigation systems; has extensive knowledge of different types of grasses, sprinklers, controllers, valves, trenching, codes and water management; specific, detailed knowledge of the field renovation process, cleans drainage ditches; works with coaches in preparing athletic fields for special events or emergency situations; takes action on complaints on condition of fields; keeps necessary records.

ORGANIZATIONAL RELATIONSHIPS

This class reports to the Dean of Exercise Science or designee. The incumbent is required to work closely and cooperatively with the plant manager and the grounds maintenance staff.

DESIRABLE QUALIFICATIONS GUIDE

Training and Experience

Any combination equivalent to three years of athletic field work experience that includes demonstrated comprehensive knowledge of irrigation and turf renovation.

Knowledge and Abilities

Knowledge of: the standards for the preparation of athletic fields for competition; irrigation trouble shooting; sprinkler maintenance and repair; water management; complete turf renovations; maintenance of turf areas; different types of grasses and their care; tools and equipment and their use and care.

Ability to: operate a line painter and all kinds of turf equipment; mark control lines and game competition lines as needed; work cooperatively with staff, students and the public; communicate effectively; be punctual, flexible and to take initiative; keep simple records. The incumbent is also required to work independently at most times.

License: valid California Motor Vehicle Operator's license.