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A-LIST Approved Sports Field Program Launch

The A-LIST Approved Sports Field Program proudly announces its official launch, aiming to encourage sustainability in sports fields using grasses that have been tested to have improved sustainable traits. This groundbreaking program approves sports fields that incorporate 65% or more A-LIST approved grasses, ensuring improved genetics and a positive impact on the environment.

The A-LIST (Alliance for Low Input Sustainable Turf) certification is a testament to the commitment of sports field managers towards promoting eco-friendly practices. By using A-LIST approved grasses, sports fields can significantly reduce their environmental footprint. These grasses are specifically bred for their resilience, requiring fewer resources such as water, fertilizers, and pesticides, while maintaining high performance standards for athletes.

A-LIST is an innovative program that sets the industry standard for sustainable turf through research and encouraging turfgrass breeding efforts. Established to identify and promote grasses that perform exceptionally well under low input conditions, A-LIST evaluates grasses based on rigorous criteria. These criteria include reduced need for water, fertilizers, and pesticides, as well as superior drought and disease resistance. A-LIST certified grasses provide high-quality, environmentally friendly solutions for turf managers and are a key component in the shift towards more sustainable landscape practices.

"Our goal with the A-LIST Approved Sports Field Program is to set a new standard in sports field management," said Kiley Dickson, Executive Director of the program. "By certifying fields that meet our criteria, we are encouraging the adoption of grasses that are more sustainable but also enhance the quality and durability of sports turf."

Eligible fields include practice fields, game fields, and multi-use sports areas. Field managers and organizations interested in participating in the A-LIST Approved Sports Field Program can sign up by contacting Kiley Dickson at kiley@a-listturf.org. This program represents an excellent opportunity for sports fields to gain recognition for a part of their sustainable practices.

Learn more about A-LIST approved athletic fields program at <https://a-listturf.org/turf-growers/>

A-LIST® APPROVED VARIETIES

Kentucky Bluegrass **Perennial Ryegrass**

- Barrister
- Barserati
- Blue Note
- Bluebank
- Bolt
- Bordeaux
- Champagne
- Fullback
- Hampton
- Jackrabbit
- Legend
- Martha
- Mercury
- NuRush
- SR 2150
- SR 2284
- Syrah
- Yellowstone
- Zinfandel

- AllStar Fore
- Apple 3GL
- Banfield
- Benchmark
- Expedite
- Fastball 3GL
- Furlong
- GrandSlam GLD
- Infusion
- Intense PRG
- Man O War
- Pharaoh
- Portfolio
- Revenge 2 GLX
- Seabiscut
- Sideways
- Slugger 3GL
- SR 4700
- Stellar 4GL
- Thrive

Tall Fescue

- Avenger III
- Bonfire
- Da Vinci
- Dynamite GLS
- Fayette
- Firecracker GLS
- Grande 3
- Leonardo
- Maestro
- Michelangelo
- Nightcrawler
- Raceway
- Rebounder
- Reflection
- Regenerate
- Rockwell
- SuperSonic
- Titanium GLS
- Xanadu
- Zion

Fine Fescue

- Audubon
- Cardinal II
- Chantilly (SCR)
- Chorus (SCR)
- Clarinet (H)
- Compass II (C)
- Conductor (C)
- J-5
- Jetty (H)
- Minimus (H)
- Navigator II (SCR)
- Quatro (S)
- Radar (C)
- Ruddy (SCR)
- SR 3150 (H)
- SR 5130 (C)

SCR-Strong Creeping Re H-Hard S-Sheeps C-Chewings

HIGH QUALITY, LOW INPUT



A-LIST® APPROVED
**SPORTS
FIELDS**

**SUSTAINABLE
VARIETY**



**REDUCED
INPUTS**



**HEAT
TOLERANCE**



**DECREASED
WATER USE**



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A-LIST Launches New Program for A-LIST Approved Sports Fields

A-LIST, a non-profit organization in the turfgrass industry, has launched a new program for A-LIST approved sports fields. The program aims to improve sustainability by utilizing grasses that are high-performing athletic surfaces while also contributing to sustainability.

For a field approval application contact the Executive Director, Dr. Kiley Dickson at kiley@a-listturf.

“We’re excited to launch this new program and help sports fields become more sustainable. We believe that this program will not only benefit the environment but also provide high-performing athletic surfaces for athletes.” -- Dr. Kiley Dickson, Executive Director of A-LIST.

Reduced inputs have become the norm, not the exception, in the world of turfgrass management.

Responsible stewardship of the earth’s natural resources is shifting emphasis toward more efficient turfgrass choices.

Sustainability under reduced growing inputs will further enhance the value and contribution of turfgrass.

This suggests a research protocol that is more holistic in nature, addressing all factors contributing to a plants health, rather than a narrow focus on a single selected trait.

In order to aid turfgrass managers the **ALLIANCE FOR LOW INPUT SUSTAINABLE TURF® (A-LIST®)** seeks to influence turfgrass breeding by creating trial guidelines and evaluation protocols to identify the best performing turfgrass varieties under reduced inputs and management.



Requirements for Approval

- Field consist of **over 65%** A-LIST approved varieties
- Field that is **overseeded with over 65%** A-LIST approved varieties (if warm season grass)

Benefits of Approval

- Added to the A-LIST website
- Approved banner and signage
- Highlighted on social media and all other marketing channels
- A-LIST gear
- Updates on A-LIST research projects

