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ATHLETIC FIELD ASSESSMENT TOOL

User Guide

Welcome!

UConn Extension has developed an Athletic Field Assessment Tool as part of its School Grounds Integrated Pest Management Program (IPM) program.

This user guide will provide step by step instructions to familiarize the user with this new assessment tool and effectively integrate this viable record keeping tool into an effective IPM plan.

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About the Website

UConn Extension has developed an Athletic Field Assessment Tool as part of its School Grounds Integrated Pest Management Program (IPM) program. This new tool provides school grounds and municipal turfgrass managers with a standardized method for evaluating turfgrass conditions at their facility. The easy-to-use website provides the ability to document concerns as they occur and accurately react to field conditions.

By integrating the use of this assessment tool into a management program, facility and grounds managers can assess the health of their athletic fields more effectively, ensuring safe and healthy playing surfaces for student athletes. For more information and access to this tool, please visit UConn's IPM website at ipm.cahnr.uconn.edu/school-ipm
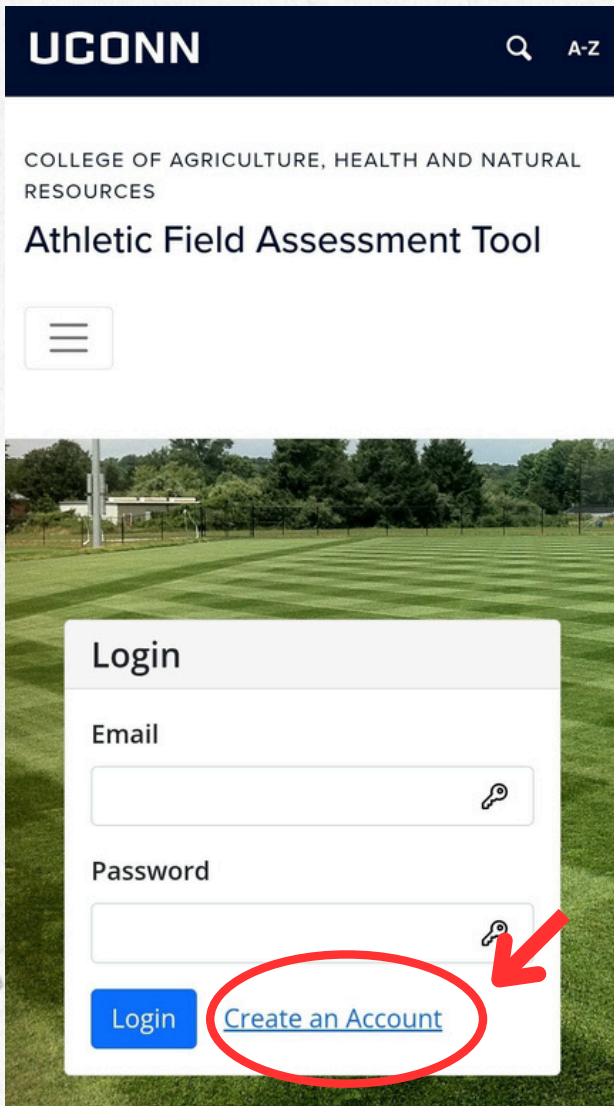
Incorporating assessment data into an IPM program supports data-driven and evidence-based decision-making. Regular and routine assessment of turfgrass areas helps guide prevention strategies, identify and monitor pests, and ensure effective management plans. By using assessment data to set action thresholds, managers can respond proactively to potential pest activity.

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How to get Started
Accessing the Website

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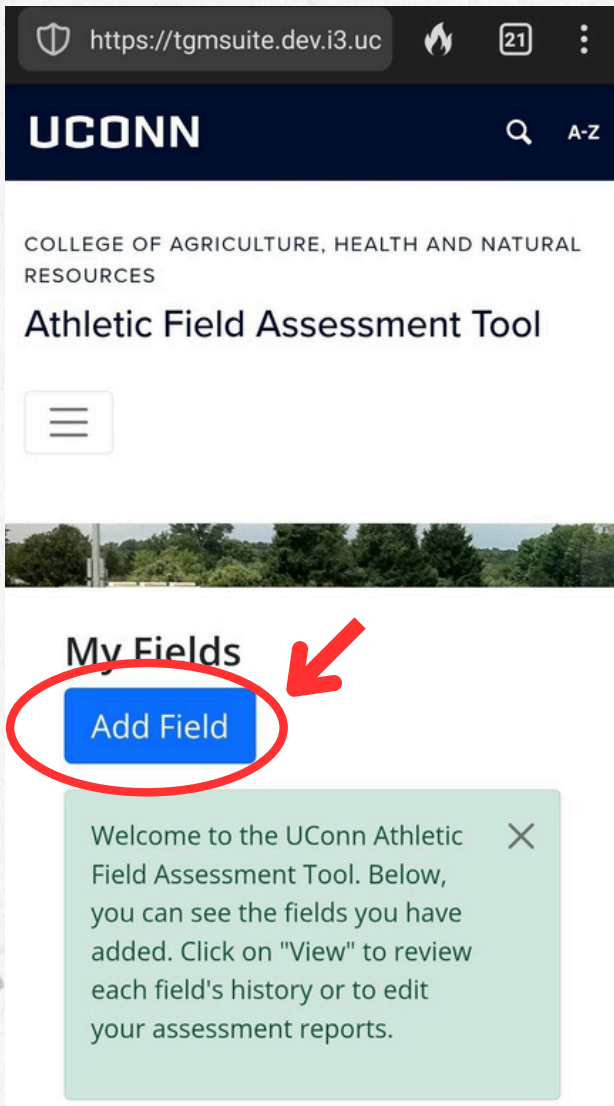### Athletic Field Assessment Tool

Login

Email

Password

Login   Create an Account

1. Go to <u>s.uconn.edu/athleticfields</u> or scan the above QR code to access the login portal.
2. Create an account, or if you already have an account, login with your email and password.
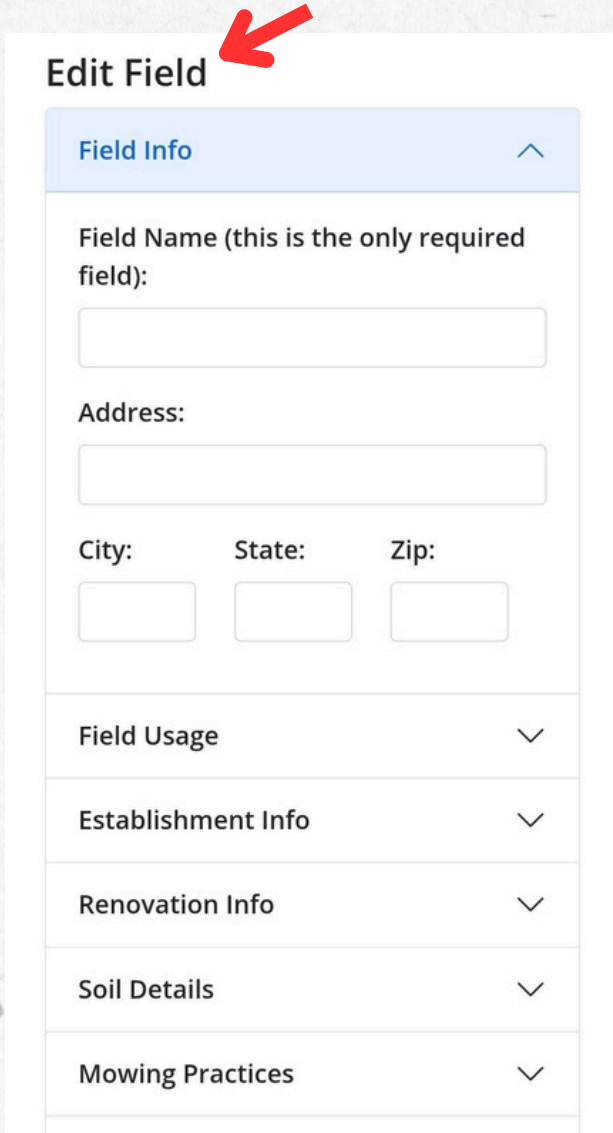
How to get Started
Adding Fields

1. Once logged in, click on "Add Field". If you already have an account and have identified fields, then click on "view" to review each field's history or to edit your assessment reports.

How to get Started
Editing Field Information

Edit Field

Field Info ⌃

Field Name (this is the only required field):

Address:

City: State: Zip:

Field Usage ⌄

Establishment Info ⌄

Renovation Info ⌄

Soil Details ⌄

Mowing Practices ⌄

1. Once you have clicked on "Add Field,", fill out all information you wish to designate for this new field into the "Field Info" section.

2. The only required field for this form is "Field Name", which allows you to create a field and go back in later to add details about your field.

3. Click "Save" to save the information you entered and go to the report entry page.

4. To edit Field information later, click on "Edit" within the "Add report" page.

How to get Started
Adding Reports

1. To add reports to a designated field, click on "Add Report".

2. A drop-down menu will appear under "Add Report" where you can select report type or choose to add a photo.

3. By selecting a report type, you will be directed to a report-entry page with information fields for each selection.

4. After filling out each report click "Save" to save your report, which will return you to your field view of all reports submitted.

How to get Started
Viewing Reports
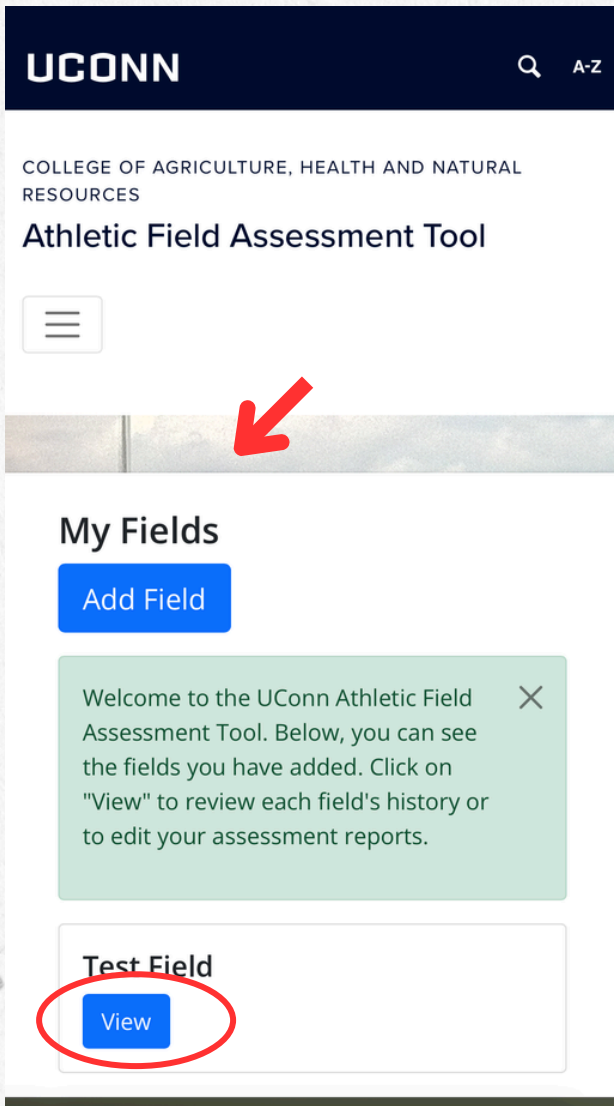
1. To view all past reports, navigate to the "My Fields" homepage of the assessment tool.
2. Click "View" on a specific field to view stored reports.

How to get Started
Viewing Report History

Click on "Add Report" to submit a report on the field's turf quality, maintenance actions, upload a photo, or other actions. ✕

Add Report ▾

Report History

Below is a list of all reports for this field. Click on a report to view more details.

Filter by Type

All	⌄

Start Date

End Date

Evaluation Date: 2025-02-11
Type: Turf Quality
Evaluator: alyssa.siegel-miles@uconn.edu

🗑 **View Report** ~~Delete Report~~

1. Once under the field Report History, scroll down to the report you would like to view and click "View Report"

2. To search your report history, you can choose to view all a specific type of report by opening the drop-down menu under "Filter by Type". By default, this is designated as "All" to display all report types you have created. Open the drop-down menu and click on the report type you would like to see all the reports you have submitted.

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View Report   🗑 Delete Report

3. To search by date, enter a "Start Date" and "End Date" to narrow down search results.

4. To delete a report, click the "Delete Report" button. Be careful! Don't click "Delete Report" unless you are sure you want the report to be deleted.

How to get Started
Viewing all Reports or Exporting Reports

« Back To Field

Test Field
No address provided

ⓘ View Field Reports   ✎ Edit

Viewing a Report
Turf Quality Rating
Report #79

Field: 12
Evaluation Date: 2025-05-16

Turf Density: 1
Smoothness Rating:
Weeds Rating: 0
Stones at Surface: 0
Depressions: 0
Turf Rating: 2
Surface Rating: 0
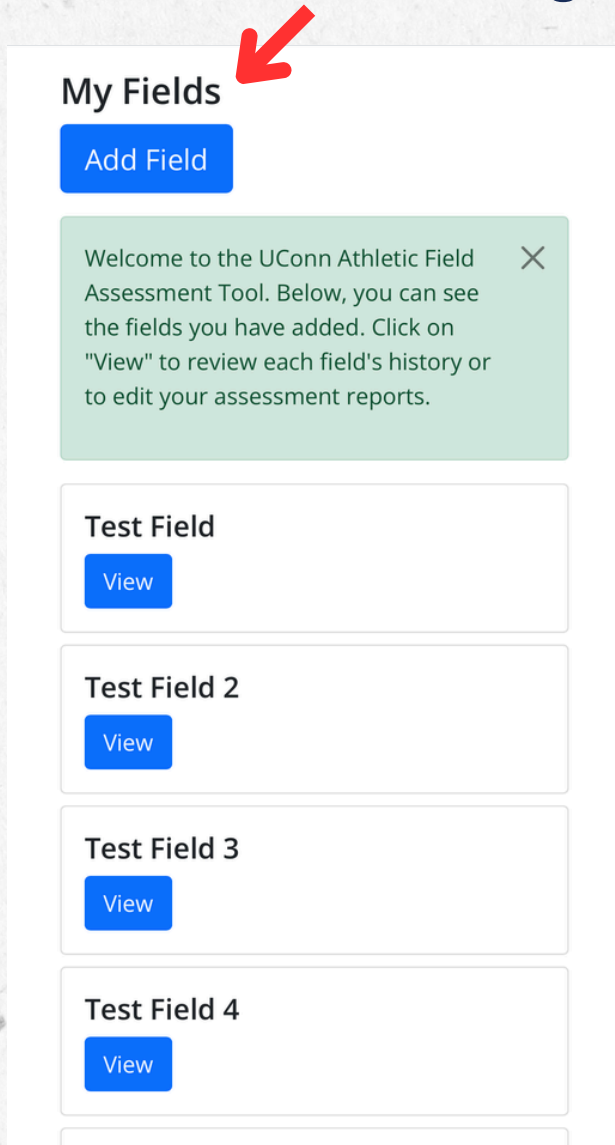**Overall Rating:** 2

Additional Comments:
None

🖨 Print

1. To export or print a report, click the "Print" button at the bottom of the report.

2. To view, print or save all the reports as a PDF, click "View all reports" at the bottom of the screen, then click "Print all reports" on the left side of the screen.

How to get Started
Navigating the Website

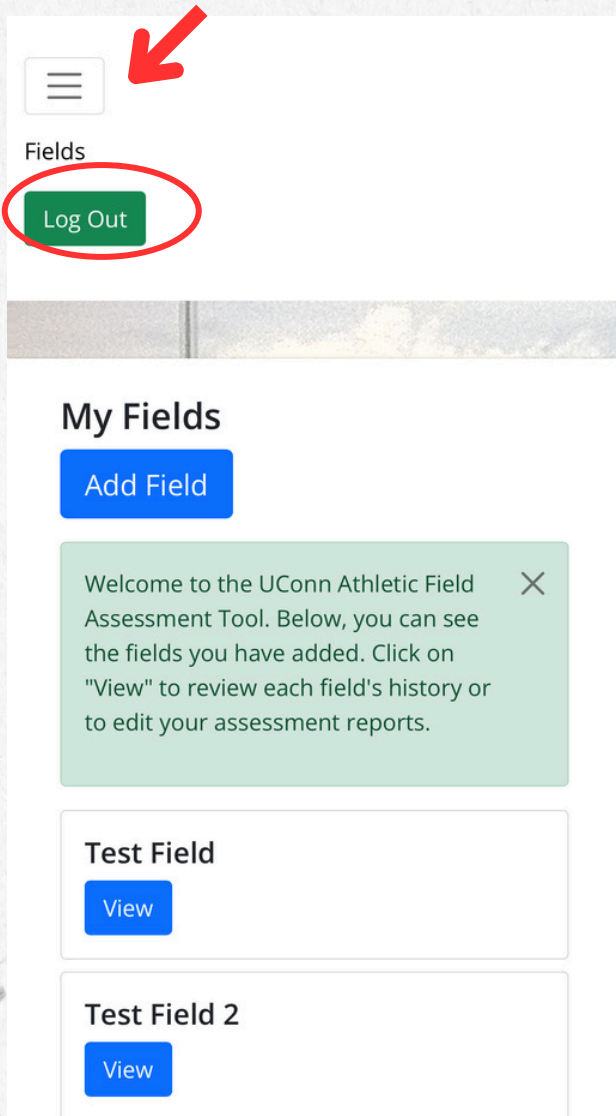**My Fields**

Add Field

Welcome to the UConn Athletic Field Assessment Tool. Below, you can see the fields you have added. Click on "View" to review each field's history or to edit your assessment reports. ✕

Test Field
View

Test Field 2
View

Test Field 3
View

Test Field 4
View

1. At any time, you can return to home screen "My Fields" to view all fields.
2. Click "View" for detailed reports on each field.

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How to get Started

Logging Out

1. To log out, select the three-bar menu at the top of your screen and select "Log Out". It is **not** required that you log out.

Troubleshooting

Please note that all images displayed in this user guide are on a mobile device and viewing will be slightly different on a laptop or PC.

To close navigation steps at any time simply click the "X" on the upper right corner of the banner. Note that these navigation steps will reappear every time you refresh the page.

Steps to Success
Why use Assessment Tools?

Enhance Player Safety

Record keeping plays a vital role in the management of natural grass athletic fields. Documenting the care required for safe and consistent playing surfaces directly supports athlete's safety and field integrity.

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Promote Healthy Landscapes

Effective maintenance of non-athletic field turfgrass areas, as well as managed landscapes, contributes to a healthier, more attractive campus environment, improving quality of life for students, teachers, and staff.

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Inform Policy

Data gained from sports turf management assessments can be used to promote evidence-based decision-making practices related to user group requests and field conditions or to address budget concerns.

Additional Resources
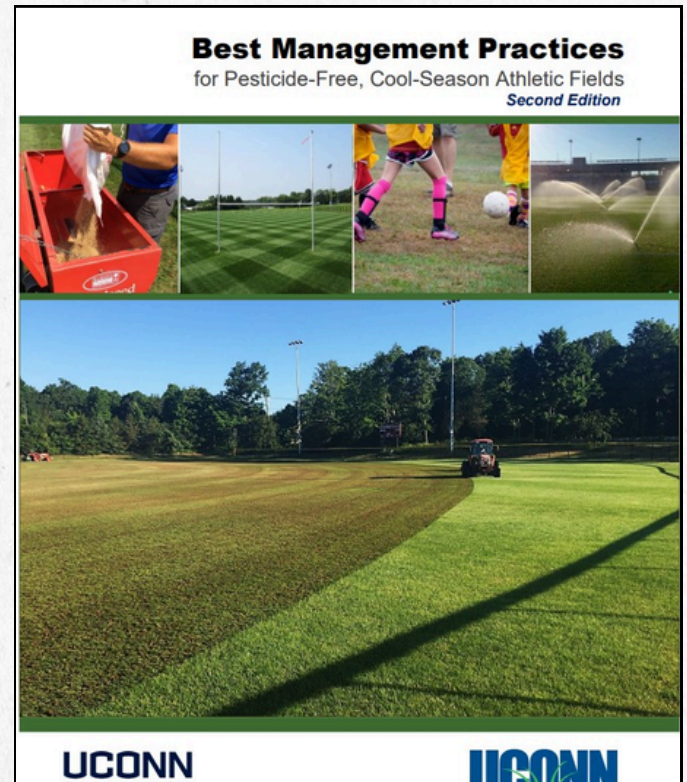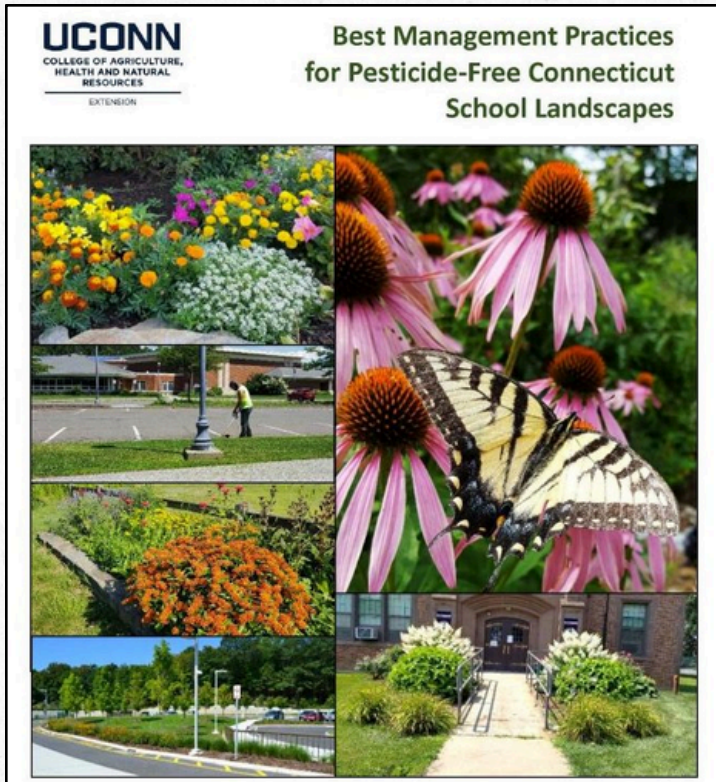
Additional resources on School IPM and Best Management Practices as well as the Athletic Field Assessment Tool can all be found at ipm.cahnr.uconn.edu/school-ipm.

Additional Resources

If you would like to receive updates on the UConn School IPM Program, please contact Victoria Wallace or visit our website for more information.

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