

II. ESTABLISH PRIORITY LEVELS

When planning and implementing an IPM program that will encompass a number of turf sites that vary in terms of expected quality and management input, classifying sites in terms of priority level is highly recommended. Priority level assignments will prescribe the degree of management intensity and the use of cultural practices for each individual site. Grouping classified sites according to priority level can further aid in short and long term planning, budgeting, and scheduling of play, personnel, and equipment.

| SITE OR FIELD NAME | SITE USE | PRIORITY LEVEL (A, B, C, D) | NOTES |
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The following table, **Sports Field and Turf Area Priority Levels and Associated Cultural Practices** presents a model system for classifying turf sites within an IPM system. Since each management scenario is different and the potential priority level for a given site will vary depending upon expectations and resource availability, the criteria presented here are intended for use as guidelines and are not strict rules. Turf managers are encouraged to use the following table as a foundation to develop a classification system appropriate to their individual situation. **Site priority levels will be utilized and referenced throughout the remainder of this manual.**