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ASBA announces publication of Sports Fields book *New publication contains info on construction, maintenance of natural and artificial turf fields*

ELLICOTT CITY, MD -- The American Sports Builders Association (ASBA), the national organization for builders, designers and suppliers of materials for tennis courts, running tracks, synthetic turf fields and indoor and outdoor synthetic sports surfaces, has announced the publication of the second edition of *Sports Fields: A Construction and Maintenance Manual*.

Copies of the new edition of the book are expected to be available December 1, 2010 and will cost \$44.95 each. Books can be ordered by contacting the Association directly at 866-501-ASBA (2722), or by going to the web site, www.sportsbuilders.org.

The book contains information for those interested in building or learning more about all types of sports fields. It includes user-friendly technical information on all aspects of fields, including design, budgeting and planning, site requirements, drainage, surface selection, construction, maintenance, repair, amenities and accessories and more. In addition, it includes diagrams, photos, governing bodies and further sources of information.

Whereas the previous edition of the book provided information on synthetic turf fields, this publication will cover both natural grass and synthetic turf, making it useful to a wider readership.

"We're really pleased that ASBA is able to offer the new sports fields book," says Dan Wright, president of the fields division of ASBA. "We think that with its new expanded focus, it is going to be a great reference for owners, architects and anyone else who is considering constructing a new field or renovating an existing field. Although the book is primarily written and published by ASBA, the Sports Turf Managers Association and ASTM had direct input into the book and are co-sponsors of it as well. We are very proud to have their input, participation and endorsement of this book."

The ASBA is a non-profit association helping designers, builders, owners, operators and users understand quality athletic facility construction. The Association sponsors informative meetings, publishes newsletters, books and technical construction guidelines and keeps its members updated on developments in the industry. Additional information is available from the Association at 8480 Baltimore National Pike, Suite 307, Ellicott City, MD 21043. The phone numbers are 866-501-ASBA (2722) or 410-730-9595, and the fax number is 410-730-8833. The ASBA also may be reached electronically via its website: www.sportsbuilders.org, or by e-mail at info@sportsbuilders.org.