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ASBA announces publication of new *Sports Fields* manual *New, streamlined format allows for ease of use*

ELLICOTT CITY, MD -- The American Sports Builders Association (ASBA), the national organization for builders, designers and suppliers of materials for sports fields, running tracks, tennis courts and indoor and outdoor synthetic sports surfaces, has announced the publication of the 2014 edition of *Sports Fields: A Construction and Maintenance Manual*.

The book is designed for anyone involved in building, maintaining, repairing or renovating all types of fields. It includes user-friendly technical information on all aspects of fields for various sports, including design, budgeting and planning, site requirements, surface selection, construction, maintenance, repair, amenities and accessories and more. In addition, it includes diagrams, photos, governing bodies and sources for further information.

"In the new edition, we've made the book much more user-friendly," says Dan Wright, CFB, ASBA's chairman, and one of the committee members who worked to update and rewrite the manual. "We've reorganized the information for natural and synthetic fields into a much more logical flow -- from conception to construction to completion -- and included extensive chapters on maintenance and repair and renovation. But also, we've broken out information into many more chapters, and we've included external tabs so users can quickly and easily find the information they need."

The new publication includes enhancements such as chapters on multi-use fields as well as on sustainability and on reclamation and reconstruction of artificial turf fields that have reached the end of their useful life. Chapters have also been added on design and construction of artificial turf fields for populations with mobility impairments, as well as the use of turf (artificial and natural) in non-sports field applications.

Copies of the new edition of the book are now available at a cost of \$44.95 each and are available in hard copy as well as in digital form. Books can be ordered by contacting ASBA at 866-501-ASBA (2722), or by going to the web site, www.sportsbuilders.org.

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.