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USC maximizes turf quality for multi-use sportsfield

Home to Trojan athletics, sports facilities at USC are designed to delight fans and provide superior playing surfaces for a variety of activities. Many of the fields and courts are designed to support different sports, and are considered multi-use. The venues host regular university competition, various team meets, USC National Youth Sports activities, softball games, and special events. To maximize turf quality, and improve high-traffic areas, Stover Seed experts recommended overseeding with *Manhattan 5*.

USC chose *Manhattan 5 Perennial Ryegrass* because that variety is a certified "Aqua Wise" product meaning it has been qualified through a rigorous testing process to exhibit best-in-class drought tolerance as compared to others.

Manhattan 5 is a relatively new cultivar, a turf-type perennial rye especially well-suited for California, but which thrives in a wide range of environments. *Manhattan 5* displays characteristics that make it a perfect choice for both overseeding andpermanent turf programs, encouraging natural turf development:

- gray leaf spot-resistant and stem rust
- low POA invasion
- swift establishment
- fine texture, high density
- endophyte enhanced
- less sensitive to warm weather diseases
- salt tolerance
- specifically tested to withstand long periods of drought-related stress once established
- better mowing characteristics

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