OUTSTANDING SINGLE-FIELD FACILITY OF THE YEAR

Allianz Field–MN United
St. Paul, Minn.

Allianz Field is the new home for Major League Soccer’s Minnesota United FC. The fields contractor fine-graded the sub-grade, installed the sub-drainage system, irrigation, glycol field heating system and drainage gravel. Both the field and stadium were built at the same time, which meant close coordination with other trades and created tight staging and working areas, with a single point of access. The coordination meant field construction had to be divided into quadrants, but the end result was a complete high-performance, sand-based natural grass soccer pitch.
OUTSTANDING OUTDOOR TENNIS FACILITY OF THE YEAR

Miami Open Tennis Facility at Miami Dolphins Hard Rock Stadium
Miami Gardens, Fla.

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SILVER AWARD
Bellerive Country Club
St. Louis, Mo.
McConnell & Associates Corp.

BRONZE AWARD
The Lake Club
Lakewood Ranch, Fla.
Welch Tennis Courts Inc.

DISTINGUISHED OUTDOOR TENNIS FACILITIES
David Posnack Jewish Community Center
Davie, Fla.
Welch Tennis Courts Inc.

Grove City College Tennis Courts
Grove City, Pa.
Vasco Sports Contractors

Sar Ko Park
Lenexa, Kan.
McConnell & Associates Corp.

Village of Waunakee–Ripp Park Tennis Complex
Village of Waunakee, Wis.
Fred Kolkmann Tennis & Sport Surfaces LLC

Xavier College Preparatory High School
Palm Desert, Calif.
Zaino Tennis Courts Inc.

MIAMI OPEN TENNIS FACILITY AT MIAMI DOLPHINS HARD ROCK STADIUM
MIAMI GARDENS, FLA.

NOMINATED BY: Fast-Dry Courts Inc.

NUMBER OF COURTS: 30

ARCHITECT/ENGINEER: The Tennis Design Studio

SPECIALTY CONTRACTOR: Fast-Dry Courts Inc.

SURFACE: Laykold; Big D Paving Co. Inc.

SUPPLIERS: 10-S Tennis Supply; ACO Inc.

CERTIFIED TENNIS COURT BUILDER: John Sonner

COMPLETED: March 2019

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OUTSTANDING OUTDOOR PICKLEBALL FACILITY OF THE YEAR

PGA Village Verano Pickleball Center
Port St. Lucie, Fla.

This new community in Port St. Lucie has the largest private pickleball complex in South Florida, with 27 asphalt courts, including a championship court—and was host to the 2019 World Pickleball Open. The courts are arranged in batteries of three, four and six courts. Construction originally included three oversized canopies, but just before production, it was determined there would not be adequate space between courts. The canopies were re-engineered to be 18 x 50 feet and, due to their large size, had to be constructed, shipped and installed in sections.

SILVER AWARD
Opelika Pickleball Facility
Opelika, Ala.
Lower Bros. Co. Inc.

BRONZE AWARD
Kino Sports Complex
Tucson, Ariz.
General Acrylics Inc.

DISTINGUISHED OUTDOOR PICKLEBALL FACILITIES
Bois D’arc Park
Lenexa, Kan.
McConnell & Associates Corp.

Green Valley Recreation Pickleball Center
Green Valley, Ariz.
Renner Sports Surfaces

City of Inver Grove Heights–North Valley Park Pickleball Complex
Inver Grove Heights, Minn.
Fred Kolkmann Tennis & Sport Surfaces LLC

Town of Sandwich–Oak Crest Cove
Pickleball Courts
Sandwich, Mass.
Stantec’s Sport Group

PGA VILLAGE VERANO PICKLEBALL CENTER
PORT ST. LUCIE, FLA.

NOMINATED BY:
Welch Tennis Courts Inc.

NUMBER OF COURTS: 27

SPECIALTY CONTRACTOR:
Welch Tennis Courts Inc.;
Big D Paving Co. Inc.

SURFACE:
California Sports Surfaces

LED LIGHTING:
Frasure Reps/
LSI Sports Lighting

CERTIFIED TENNIS COURT BUILDER:
George Todd Jr.
OUTSTANDING MULTI-FIELD FACILITY OF THE YEAR

Mercy Health Training Center (FC Cincinnati)
Milford, Ohio

This design/build project for the new Major League Soccer training facility for FC Cincinnati included a synthetic turf field, two sand-based grass fields, a sand-based goalkeeper area, and two small synthetic turf training/stretching/rehab surfaces. The work included site balancing and fine grading, subsurface drainage, headwalls and rip-rap spillways, gravel raft and USGA rootzone sand, irrigation, hybrid grass playing surfaces (installed both as sod and on-site grown), concrete curbs, dynamic gravel base foundations, synthetic turf, safety catch net systems, a small on-site sod farm, and permanent and portable soccer goals. Due to a late start, construction went through the winter and was hampered by wet, frozen soil, among other challenges.

SILVER AWARD
Flamingo West Park
Cooper City, Fla.
Stantec’s Sport Group

BRONZE AWARD
Army Depot Park Baseball Complex
Sacramento, Calif.
Verde Design Inc.

DISTINGUISHED MULTI-FIELD FACILITIES
New Milford High School Athletic Facilities
New Milford, N.J.
Suburban Consulting Engineers Inc.

University of Mass. Amherst Boyden Fields–Campus Recreation
Amherst, Mass.
Woodard & Curran

MERCY HEALTH TRAINING CENTER
(FC CINCINNATI)
MILFORD, OHIO

NOMINATED BY: The Motz Group
ARCHITECT/ENGINEER: Sportworks Field Design
SURFACE: Shaw Sports Turf
IRRIGATION: Hunter Industries
SAFETY NETTING: Sportsfield Specialties Inc.
OTHER SUPPLIERS: Genan Inc.; Musco Sports Lighting; Wiedenmann North America LLC
DRAINAGE: Advanced Drainage System
CERTIFIED FIELDS BUILDER: Allen Verdin
COMPLETED: March 2019
OUTSTANDING RESIDENTIAL TENNIS FACILITY OF THE YEAR

Angelo Drive Residence
Beverly Hills, Calif.

The beautiful tennis court in Beverly Hills was designed to complement the circular orientation of the historic residence by renowned architect Wallace Neff. Among the challenges was the need for a 1-foot-thick structural slab to be cantilevered on concrete piles embedded over 25 feet into bedrock due to the unique hillside location. The post-tensioned concrete tennis court was placed over the structural slab. The custom wood panel fencing, landscaping and pergola all contribute to a one-of-a-kind, serene hilltop garden setting.

SILVER AWARD
Gardner Residential Tennis Court
Gardner, Kan.
McConnell & Associates Corp.

BRONZE AWARD
Charlestown Residence
Charlestown Township, Pa.
Pro-Sport Construction Inc.

DISTINGUISHED RESIDENTIAL TENNIS FACILITY

ANGELO DRIVE RESIDENCE
BEVERLY HILLS, CALIF.

NOMINATED BY:
Zaino Tennis Courts Inc.

SPECIALTY CONTRACTOR:
Zaino Tennis Courts Inc.

SURFACE:
California Sports
Surfaces-ICP Rebound Ace

CERTIFIED TENNIS COURT BUILDER:
Richard Zaino

COMPLETED:
July 2019
OUTSTANDING OUTDOOR TRACK FACILITY OF THE YEAR

Université de Sherbrooke
Quebec, Canada

To upgrade the track facility at the Université de Sherbrooke, the builders overcame several challenges to meet the schedule. A major issue was the leveling of the asphalt, which required extensive mechanical grinding and filling with leveling glue. The builders also determined that thermal expansion was causing ripples in two removable synthetic turf mats, and solved the problem by applying adhesive and tape to the back of each mat. The track’s impressive dimensions and unstable weather conditions also presented challenges—but the site was ready and on time for the opening match.

SILVER AWARD
Oakleaf Stadium–School District of Altoona
Altoona, Wis.
Fisher Tracks Inc.

BRONZE AWARD
Houghton-Portage Township Running Track
Houghton, Mich.
Fisher Tracks Inc.

UNIVERSITÉ DE SHERBROOKE
QUEBEC, CANADA

NOMINATED BY:
Carpell Surfaces Inc.

SPECIALTY CONTRACTOR:
Carpell Surfaces Inc.

SURFACE:
Mondo USA Inc.

SUPPLIERS:
Gill Athletics; MAPEI Corp.; Act Global; Schmitz Foam Products LLC

CERTIFIED TRACK BUILDER/
CERTIFIED FIELD BUILDER:
Dominic Deslandes

COMPLETED:
September 2020
OUTSTANDING TRACK & FIELD FACILITY OF THE YEAR

West Point High School Stadium
Avondale, Ariz.

The original project plans for the West Point High School Stadium had numerous errors and omissions, so the specialty contractor was called in and became part of the design team to rectify these issues, which included incorrect track width and insufficient safety zones. Further challenging construction were difficulties by the site contractor in getting the block retaining wall approved; the wall had to be constructed three times before passing final inspection and being back-filled. But despite the delays, the project still proved to be a winner.

SILVER AWARD

Kingsway Regional High School Track & Field
Woolwich Township, N.J.
American Athletic Courts Inc.
OUTSTANDING INDOOR TRACK FACILITY OF THE YEAR

Indoor Track & Field Facility at Gately Park
Chicago, Ill.

The indoor track and field at Gately Park has the area’s first hydraulically banked 200-meter track. The 139,000-square-foot facility has a seating capacity of 3,500 and includes amenities such as a meet management control room, concessions, multipurpose rooms and locker rooms. Additionally, the facility features a 4,000-square-foot warm-up area, eight sprint lanes, two long and triple jump runways and pits, pole-vault runway and pads, a high jump area, and scoreboards. The new facility will be both a world-class sports complex and a year-round community center for wellness, culture and after-school programming.

DISTINGUISHED INDOOR TRACK FACILITY
Alvernia University–The Tom & Helen Flynn Plex
Reading, Pa.
Miller Sports Construction

INDOOR TRACK & FIELD FACILITY AT GATELY PARK
CHICAGO, ILL.

NOMINATED BY:
Kiefer USA

SPECIALTY CONTRACTOR:
Kiefer USA

SUPPLIERS:
Sportsfield Specialties Inc.;
Mondo USA Inc.

CERTIFIED TRACK.Builder:
Adam J. Taylor

COMPLETED:
July 2020
OUTSTANDING MULTIPURPOSE FITNESS & WELLNESS FACILITY OF THE YEAR

City of Arcadia–Eisenhower Park
Arcadia, Calif.

Among the activities taking place at the new $6.6 million multipurpose facility in Eisenhower Park are baseball, football, soccer, basketball, cardio, weight training and more. A large building houses a concession area with kitchen, restrooms, storage and a second-story press box. There’s also a second restroom building with playground structures for kids, along with a dog park. The buildings adopted LEED standards for HVAC, exterior materials, interior ventilation and recycled items. The entire project encompasses nearly 87,000 square feet.
Our Winners ‘Build It Right’

On behalf of the American Sports Builders Association, I would like to congratulate the 2020 Outstanding Facilities of the Year Award winners and the team effort that these projects represent. The ASBA Awards Program has the goal of promoting the highest standards of construction excellence.

Since 1996, ASBA has been honoring the award winners and recognizing their outstanding construction projects at the December Technical Meeting, our annual gathering. This year’s recognition was done virtually, but was no less impactful. A complete listing of this year’s winners of awards, along with the winners from the past three years, can be found on ASBA’s website at www.sportsbuilders.org.

ASBA’s theme—“Build it Right”—is exemplified by the ASBA Awards Program. Each project is a shining example of the collaboration between designers, builders and suppliers who have worked together to produce the highest quality in sports construction. ASBA’s programs are built around educating the professionals in our industry and providing networking and collaboration opportunities for our members. The strong partnerships between ASBA builders, designers and suppliers are at the heart of every successful project.

Any ASBA members contributing to the design and/or construction of an outstanding project or facility are encouraged to submit an application for one of several industry awards.

Congratulations to this year’s award winners and thank you for continuing to set examples for others to follow.

Mark Heinlein, CFB
Chairman
American Sports Builders Association

ABOUT THE ASBA
The nonprofit American Sports Builders Association (ASBA) is a national organization for builders, designers and suppliers of materials for tennis courts, running tracks, natural and synthetic turf fields, and indoor and outdoor courts and recreational sports surfaces.

The ASBA works to raise professional standards and ensure that consumers receive services of the highest quality. As part of its work to achieve this goal, the Association sponsors a certification program that permits experienced tennis court, running track and sports field builders to demonstrate their competency by completing an examination on all areas of construction.
ASBA’S BROCHURE SPONSORS CONGRATULATE THE WINNERS OF THE 2020 FACILITY AWARDS

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ASBA CALENDAR OF EVENTS

June 1, 2021
Award Entry Deadline

December 3-6, 2021
Technical Meeting
Orlando, FL