



## Center for Sports Surface Research

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Center for Sports Surface Research [<http://plantscience.psu.edu/research/centers/ssrc/about>]

The Center for Sports Surface Research at Penn State is an intercollege program managed within the College of Agricultural Sciences' Department of Plant Science. The center is dedicated to the improvement of all sports surfaces. Through cooperative scientific inquiry the center's members expect to improve performance and safety on all sports surfaces.

### News and Information

[Article in Philadelphia Inquirer helps promote traction database](http://plantscience.psu.edu/research/centers/ssrc/news/2013/article-in-philadelphia-inquirer-helps-promote-traction-database)  
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October 8, 2013

Tom Avril, writer for the Philadelphia Inquirer, recently traveled to Penn State to learn about the research at the Center for Sports Surface Research. His article describes traction testing at Penn State including the newly released traction database.

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[Study leads to traction database of various sports shoes, field types](http://plantscience.psu.edu/research/centers/ssrc/news/2013/study-leads-to-traction-database-of-various-sports-shoes-field-types)



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September 19, 2013

UNIVERSITY PARK, Pa. -- Athletes looking to maximize performance on the playing field sometimes seek footwear that provides the best traction. But it's important to balance the need for good traction with the risk of injury, according to turfgrass researchers in Penn State's College of Agricultural Sciences.

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[PSU Center for Sports Surface Research Partners with USA Football and FieldTurf for Monthly "From the Field" Column](http://plantscience.psu.edu/research/centers/ssrc/news/2013/psu-center-for-sports-surface-research-partners-with-usa-football-and-fieldturf-for-monthly-from-the-field-column)  
[<http://plantscience.psu.edu/research/centers/ssrc/news/2013/psu-center-for-sports-surface-research-partners-with-usa-football-and-fieldturf-for-monthly-from-the-field-column>]

June 4, 2013

Throughout this series, we will focus on a sometimes overlooked but critical component affecting the safety and performance for athletes of all ages – the playing surface.

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