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# Guidelines for treated wastewater use for irrigation projects – Part 7: Golf courses and other sport fields



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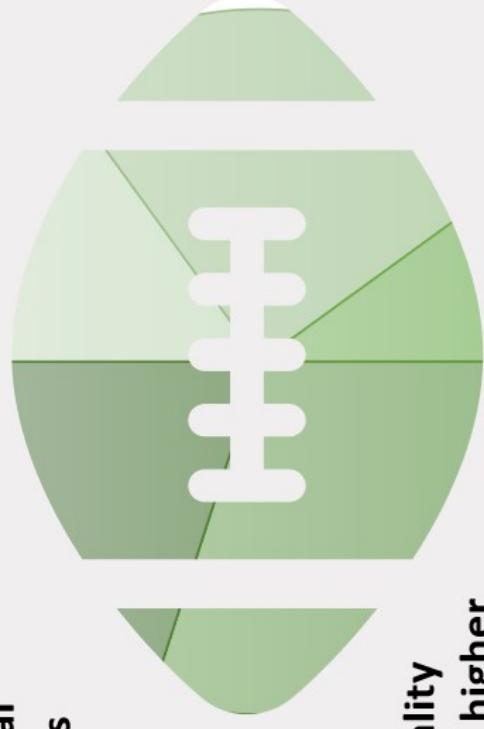
# Background

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# 1.1 Turfgrass covers in sports

- Natural grass field provides a safe playable surface that is natural and pleasing to users (players, coaches, families)



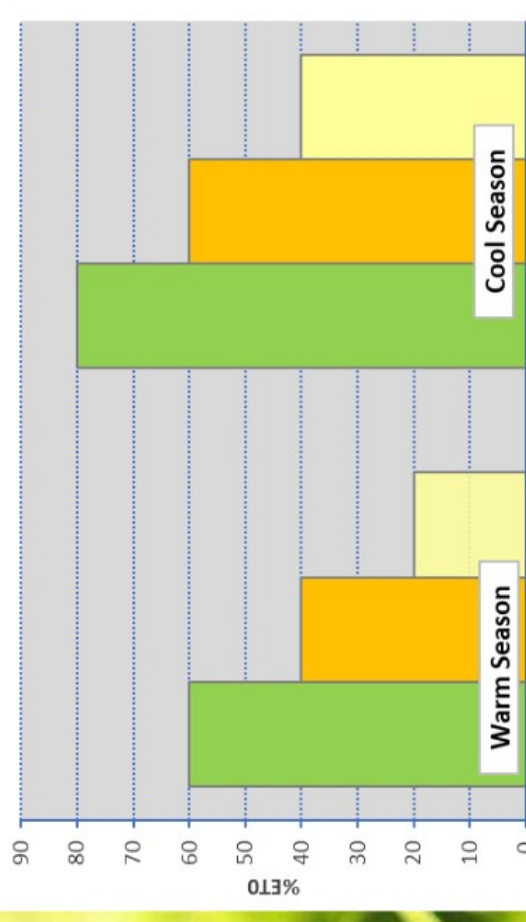
- Fields with good quality turfgrass cover have higher traction, cushioning, and resiliency, and lower surface hardness, reducing the probability of injury in contact sports

- Dense aboveground turfgrass biomass traps and holds water which reduces excess runoff and allows more water to infiltrate into the soil. 1 ha can absorb up to 23 m<sup>3</sup> of water

- An extensive, fibrous turfgrass root system filters water percolating through the soil to enhance groundwater recharge

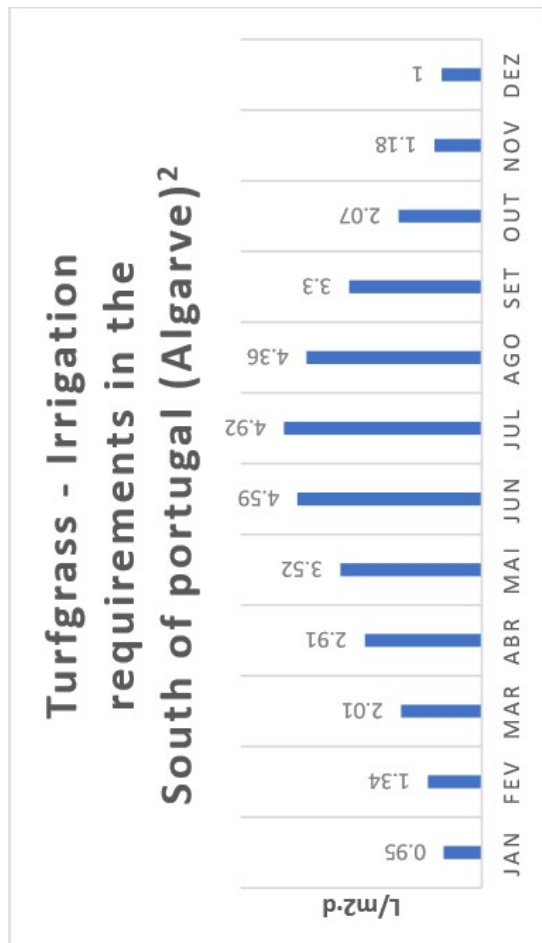


# 1.2 Water Requirements for turfgrasses



Turfgrass water requirements at optimum, deficit and survival levels of irrigation<sup>1</sup>

ET<sub>0</sub> – Reference evapotranspiration



Water reuse can meet the water demand in sport fields but it is necessary to address the particularities associated with their irrigation.

**Main issues:**

- Water quality (agronomic aspects)
- Nutrients (N and P recovery)

<sup>1</sup> Harivandi, M. A.; Baird, J.; Hartin, J.; Henry, M.; Shaw, D. Managing Turfgrasses during Drought. ANR Publication 2009, 9. 8395

<sup>2</sup> Rosa, A. Contributos para estimar a rega em campos de golfe e espaços arrelvados na região do Algarve. Resultados de estudos realizados Ensaios realizados, há já alguns anos, no Centro de Experimentação Hortofrutícola do Patacão (entre 86/87 e 96/97), Faro

# 1.3 Water reuse for sport fields' irrigation

- Golf courses
  - ✓ large quantities of treated wastewater can be beneficially used by one user
- Other sports fields
  - ✓ integrated in the urban area, close to the production site of the treated wastewater/greywater

Treated wastewater quality (nutrients, salts and pathogens) differs from drinking water or rainfall → impact on vegetation, soil and public health



# 1.4 Sports Complex

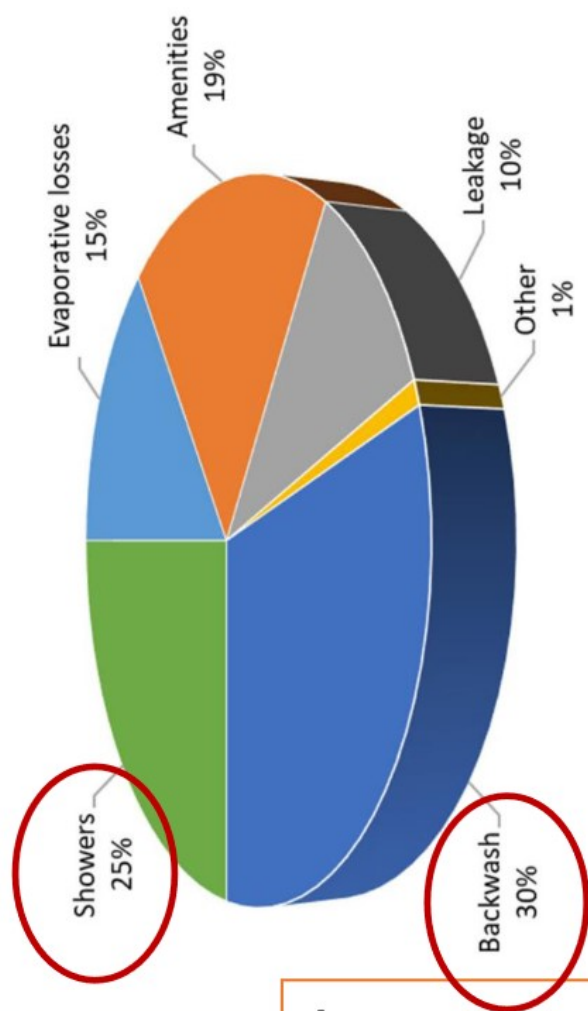
- Water reuse sources
  - Water from swimming pool filters (backwashing)
  - Showers (before and after bathing)



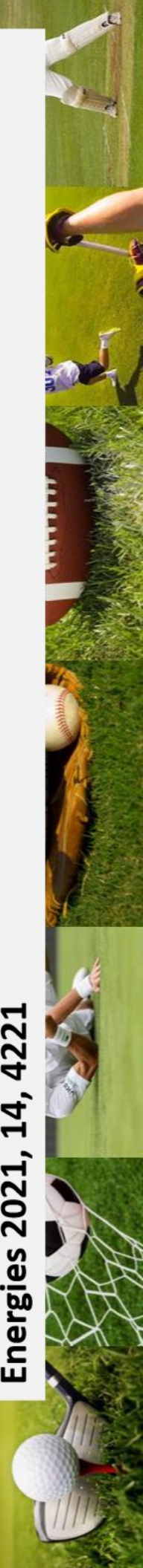
**Total water consumption in indoor swimming: 145-210 L/(person.d)**

**Shower before and after bathing: 50 to 80 L/(person.d)<sup>3</sup>**

Water consumption in a typical community pool<sup>3</sup>



<sup>3</sup> Liebersbach, J.; Z' abnien' ska-Góra, A Heat Recovery in Indoor Swimming Pools.







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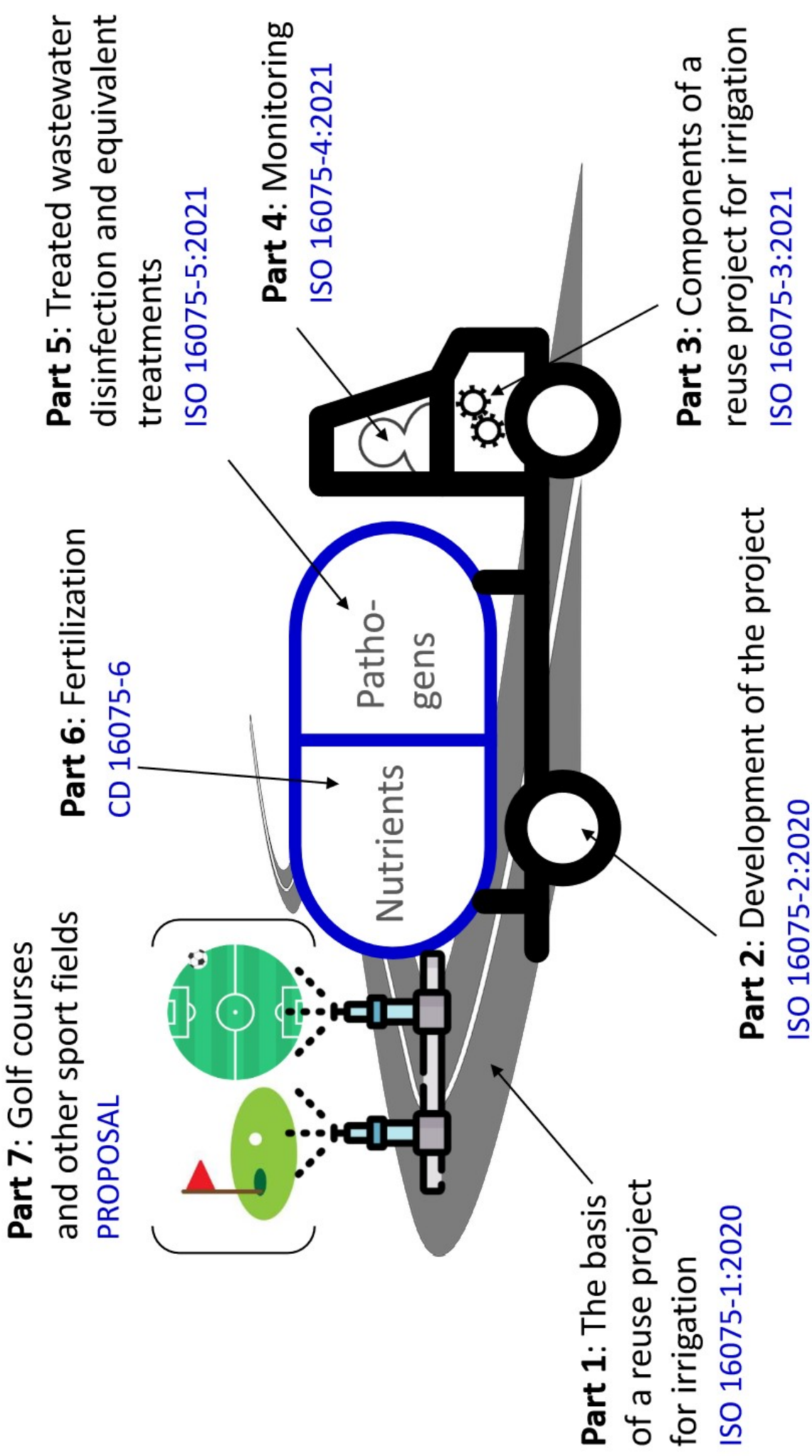
## PURPOSE

The aim of ISO 16075-7 is **to guide on best practices and barriers** that may be used for water reuse in golf courses’ and other sport fields’ irrigation to protect human health, **as well as on agronomic aspects** to promote good turfgrass condition.

This International Standard will support golf courses’ and other sport fields’ operators implementing a water reuse system for turfgrass irrigation, as well as authorities, stakeholders and/or practitioners, to enable water reuse that is safe in terms of human health and does not affect the quality of the turf.



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Fate of the fecal indicator *Escherichia coli* in irrigation with partially treated wastewater

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#### ABSTRACT

Treated wastewater reuse is increasing in semi-arid regions as a response to the effect and increased competition for natural water resources. Investigating the fate of fecal indicator microorganisms (FIMOs) in the environment and possible transfer to ground water is relevant to assess their persistence in the environment and possible transfer to ground water. A long-term field-scale experimental campaign and a soil column test were conducted to evaluate the fate of the fecal indicator *Escherichia coli* (*E. coli*) in a cultivated soil with water resources are used for irrigation. For field experiments, local contamination during the irrigation of a membrane bioreactor, thus simulating a real situation, and irrigation of turfgrass were investigated. For soil column tests, a set of soil columns was installed next to the field, irrigated and monitored over time and along depth. Real municipal wastewater was used in these experiments. Results showed that short- and medium-term effects on topsoil were observed. The concentration of *E. coli* in the irrigation water, limited persistence and no role of the indicator on the grass and in the topsoil were observed. Watering events per se did not influence significantly the decay in the topsoil, which followed a first-order decay. The trend of the *E. coli* concentrations in the leaching of the soil columns followed a well-suggested bacterial decay as the dominant mechanism affecting the under concentration.

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#### Survival of enteric microorganisms on grass surfaces irrigated with treated effluent

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#### ABSTRACT

Treated effluent can be reused for the irrigation of parks and sports grounds but there is an associated potential public health risks from microbial pathogens present on the grass surface, particularly when used for contact sports. The main aim of this study was to investigate the survival of pathogenic and indicator microorganisms on the grass surface of a sports ground irrigated with treated effluent under differing climatic conditions. Results showed that *Salmonella enterica* serotype *typhimurium*, *Escherichia coli*, *Enterococcus faecalis* and *Staphylococcus aureus* decayed faster under direct sunlight than MS2 with one log<sub>10</sub> reduction (T<sub>90</sub>) varying from 3 to 11 hours. Rapid decay (T<sub>90</sub> 3 to 4 hours) of bacterial pathogens occurred in both sunlight and shade during the summer. In contrast, T<sub>90</sub> times for the bacteria during the winter varied from 6 to 11 hours in direct sunlight and from 23 to 38 hours in shade. No significant seasonal variation was observed in the inactivation of the bacteriophage MS2. Enteric viruses are expected to show inactivation rates similar to MS2. The results show that rapid inactivation of enteric bacteria can be expected on grass surface irrigated with treated effluent at higher ambient temperatures, in direct sunlight and low moisture content.

**Key words** | bacteriophage, pathogens, pathogen survival, sports grounds, treated effluent, water reuse





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