

**Subject: Operating the Push Mower**

Approved: Patrick Bohlen

PROCEDURE: **Operating the Push Mower**

INTENDED AUDIENCE: LNR personnel with access to push mowers

PURPOSE: To train LNR person to operate push mowers to successfully ensure grass is cut at the department standard (see Turf Management SOP)

- I. Knowledge** – Before operating the equipment, the employee must be familiar with the Operations Equipment Manual (OEM) for the equipment being used.
- II. Safety** – At a minimum, follow the safety requirements listed in the OEM for the equipment being used. It is the employee’s responsibility to determine if added Personal Protective Equipment is needed and therefore must consult with their Supervisor prior to starting the task.
- III. Before Operating Push Mowers**
  - a. Check oil level daily before starting engine.

**CAUTION:** Only request oil when the dipstick level shows the “Add Oil” mark or is below the “Add Oil” mark. LNR Maintenance Team will add oil.

- b. Check Fuel Level.

**Note:** If fuel is needed, secure gas key from Traka box, fuel equipment to proper level and return key to Traka box.

- c. Start equipment. If equipment operating properly proceed to work area.

**Note:** If equipment is not working properly, attach a 3x6 tag (on hand held equipment) from the LNR shop with an explanation of problem. After LNR maintenance addresses the problem, the equipment will be staged outside the shop door for pick-up.

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#### **IV. During the Operation of Push Mowers**

**CAUTION:** Be aware of your surroundings. Check for debris, branches, rocks and people before operating the push mower.

- a. Check that cutting height is at required height. Grass is cut at the department standard (see Turf Management SOP).
- b. Begin mowing at one end and continue to the opposite end.

#### **V. After the Operation of Push Mowers**

- a. Wash mower and clean the air filter.
- b. Check fuel level.

**Note:** If fuel is needed, secure gas key from Traka box, fuel equipment to proper level and return key to Traka box.

- c. Secure equipment in staging area for next use.