

Close to you, proximity sports are moving ahead :

Agorespace, the specialist in proximity leisure sports facilities is thrilled to announce the birth of its latest offspring: the AGORSPACE multi-sports field in Villebeon (Seine-et-Marne). A new venue for health/fun/freedom/sharing sports devoted to the young and not so young in the municipality – yet also a new venue to learn the rules of the game, the rules of life, of practising citizenship as well as individual and collective responsibility. The inauguration, organised by the municipality and Agorespace, will be held on June 13th, 2009.

As is the case with all our fields, this Agorespace is designed so that every youth may have fun performing great sports moves, learning and developing his self-confidence (fields adapted to the young, height-adjustable basketball hoops, “game-partner” fences that bounce the balls back into play, genuine nets in the goals, genuine sports flooring, etc.). Practising sports implies accepting common rules of play, and Agorespace has developed exclusive multi-sports line markings that are easy to understand and clearly visible, helping play by the rules even as one learns them.

Unsupervised physical activities must be practised in places that are very safe and secure, to ensure total physical safety for the young. Agorespace has developed its fields paying special attention to avoiding hazardous situations (wooden slats pointing in such a way as to prevent one’s limbs getting stuck and preventing anyone from scaling the pediments, injury-proof materials) and to promoting a conflict-avoidance “ambiance” (soft, friendly materials, fields that are easy to share, cropped angles to avoid jammed situations, etc.).

The facility chosen by local authorities is the “Agorespace 250 Brasilia MB” multi-sports field – this model features a structure made of thermo-galvanised steel and a large number of its components have a 10-year warranty.

Beyond the quality of its facilities, the Agorespace Company is recognised for its global educational approach: the COMMITMENT CONTRACT before/during/after the facility’s installation. Before the installation, this means prior consulting regarding the programming of appropriate equipment in keeping with all of the community’s constraints; it also means holding a public informative meeting, an opportunity for all of the community’s political and technical officials to communicate with all stakeholders (youth, associations, sports clubs, locals, parents and teachers). During the installation, it means hiring young people to help build the field. After the installation, it means helping and counselling on organising the inauguration, a symbolic moment for all the players in this adventure.

Leisure sports are obviously a means towards social bonding, integration and “positive gregarious living”, and increasingly demonstrate their irreplaceable capacities as such. It also provides answers to issues of public health and wholesome living. Faced with the high importance of such issues, Agorespace is working tirelessly to raise the level of proximity leisure sports by constantly fine-tuning and improving its fields and services (it is certified ISO 90001:2008 throughout the products and services chain), and by a stringent approach towards the good practice of its trade (it took part in the work on French and European standardisation – NF 52-901 and EN 15312 standards were initiated by Agorespace).

Mr Thierry LEY, Sales Manager, France for Agorespace, who has supported the local authorities throughout the project from day one up to this inauguration, has substantial personal sports experience (Junior handball international player, member of the 1st national team for 14 years, Federation instructor to young and seniors, holder of a BAFA (amateur sports instructor certificate) and a BAFD (amateur sports managing instructor certificate)). He has been deeply involved in organising this inauguration and will attend it from beginning to end. It is worth remembering that all Agorespace members boast substantial personal sports experience (sports enthusiasts, sometimes former professionals, or else club instructors or performing supervision in sports clubs or within a social sports context). They believe in their mission and they trust in sports values and virtues as a means to shape the individual, as social cement and as a highway to social integration. Yet above all, they love sports and fun sports, to be shared by as many people as possible.

This would sound as if your not sure and therefore may be negative more positive to say This first symbolic day etc. ectthat this first symbolic day will serve as a beautiful opportunity to celebrate sports, and that the field will demonstrate all of its attributes as a sports facility, as a place to meet and experience simple, popular and joyful social togetherness, in a spirit of respect towards sports rules and ethics for all, players and spectators alike, for many years to come.



Inauguration Day programme:

- 2:00pm: Reception of elected officials and young people from the municipality and neighbouring towns
- 2:30pm: Mayor's address (or representative)
- 3:00pm: Ribbon cutting ceremony
- 3:30pm: Agorathlon meet, to discover and demonstrate multi-sports
- 4:30pm: Friendship drinks party

Villebeon field technical specs sheet:

- Model: AE 250 Brasilia MB
- Options: cycle-proof bar and aluminium shaping
- Reentrants and sealing made by Agorespace
- Field located at Chemin des Fosses in Villebeon (Seine-et-Marne)



In 1989, AGORESPACE created the open-access, multi-sports field concept. Today there are close to 3,000 AGORESPACE up and running, every one a positive experience, every one an attractive, lasting and quality facility designed for sports experienced in a spirit of health, sharing and fun.

AGORESPACE in a few figures (2009)

- Close to 3,000 equipped sites in Europe and worldwide
- Installations in over 35 countries
- Over 85,000 hours worked by young people on our fields
- Over 1,500 youth meetings held
- Over 45,000 young participants in the Agorathlon Challenges
- AGORESPACE® was the driving force behind the following certification standards:
 - NF 52901 French certification standard regarding proximity sports facilities
 - EN 15312 European standard regarding open access sports facilities (EN 15312 cancels and replaces NF 52901)
- The AGORESPACE AB2 range was developed with the support of the French Ministry of Finance and Industry.



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