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MetLife Stadium and Quest Diagnostics Training Center



The NY Giants (National Football League - NFL) opened their state of the art practice facility, within the Meadowlands Sports Complex and adjacent to MetLife Stadium, in 2010. The practice facility was originally named the Timex Performance Center, but was renamed the Quest Diagnostics Training Center (<u>http://www.giants.com/quest.html</u>)

in 2013 coinciding with an increased focus on the use of laboratory diagnostic information services to improve the health and performance of athletes. The 26 acre facility contains offices, medical facilities, meeting and locker rooms, as well as three outdoor full-size natural turf fields, one partial outdoor artificial turf field, and a vast indoor artificial surface field house. The practice field facilities are used for NY Giants training camp and in-season practices.

MetLife Stadium (<u>http://www.metlifestadium.com/</u>), located in the Meadowlands Sports Complex in East Rutherford NJ, is home to the New York Jets and New York Giants of the National Football League (NFL). MetLife Stadium opened in 2010, at a cost of \$1.6 billion, with seating capacity of 82,566 including 10,005 club seats and up to 218 luxury suites. The field surface is artificial turf.

The NY Giants were founded in 1925, and will begin their 91st season in 2015. The team ranks third among all NFL franchises with eight NFL titles: four in the pre–Super Bowl era (1927, 1934, 1938, 1956) and an additional four since the Super Bowl became the NFL championship game (Super Bowls XXI (1986), XXV (1990), XLII (2007), and XLVI (2011)). The Giants have sent 16 players to the Pro Football Hall of Fame.

Meet the Turf Manager:

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