



Field Maintenance

Our diamonds require constant care and though much of the care is handled by the field supervisor and the Township, there are a number of things that teams need to do before and after each use, such as;

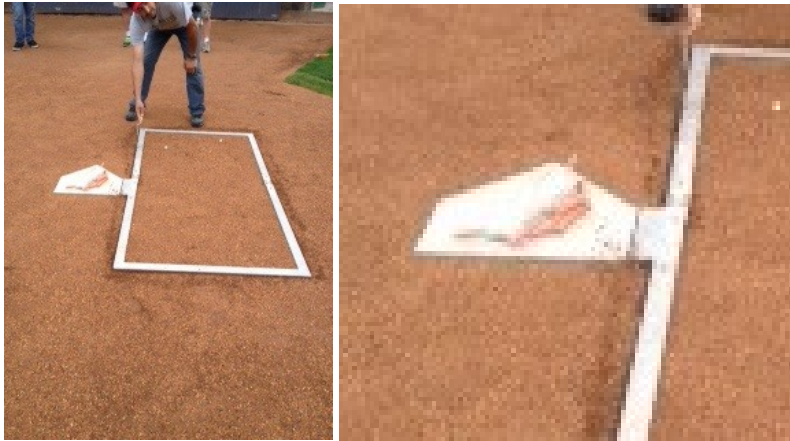
- Screen the infield
- Repair the plate area and mound by filling and tamping holes.
- Keep dugouts clean from debris and garbage.
- Ensure base plugs are replaced after game and practices.
- Ensure mound and home plate tarps (if used) are replaced.
- All equipment is safely stored in the dugout (Fort Langley and SW Diamond) or the container (Senior, Parker and Zarelli)

On rainy days it is of the utmost importance that at the Zarelli and Parker diamond(s) we DO NOT push standing water in the shale areas onto the grass. The shale is extremely harmful to the grass and difficult to remove once on it. We provide a wetvac to remove excess water from shale.

Field prep prior to games

The following is a detailed outline on how to prepare the field for a game.

- Screen and brush the entire shale section of the infield.
- Rake the mound and plate area (filling and tamping holes).
- **Lining the field;**
 - The batter's box template should be located in the white trailer or dugout and is marked for your appropriate age division. There are two different sizes, so please ensure that you are using the right one.
 - The template is marked front and back. The side marked, "front", should be towards the mound.
 - Line up the plate marker to the edge of the plate, as seen.



- Score the outer part of the template, which will leave a marking that you will later use to apply the lime correctly.
- Repeat the above steps on the other side of the plate. This will leave you with a scored outline for the batter's box.



- Hammer the nail attached to the string to the back diamond portion of the plate.
- Run the string along the base out past the base (first/third) and into the outfield lining it up with the outer edge of the painted outfield line.



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- Nail it into the grass. **Note:** (outfield line is the responsibility of the field manager and is done once every two weeks) If sprayed line is not visible you may need to run line out to foul pole or eyeball it.
- Run the string all the way down the base-line, ensuring that it runs adjacent to the outer edge of the base plate and the edge of home plate.



- With the string still in place;
 - Line the batter's boxes, keeping the lime on the inside of the scoring.
 - Then lime the first base line keeping the lime on the inside of the string.



- Repeat procedure down the third base line.

***** DO NOT USE LIME ON THE OUTFIELD GRASS*****

***** OUTFIELD LINES ARE SPRAYED BY FIELD MANAGER BI-WEEKLY*****

Post-game clean-up:

- Screen the shale in the infield.
- Rake home plate and mound (FILL HOLES AND TAMPER)
- The mound and home plate area should have a tarp placed on them if rain is in the forecast or if the sprinkler is going to put on for a significant period of time.



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Rule 25: Playing Field Dimensions

25.01 Specific Dimensions by Division

	7U	9U	10U & 11U	13U	15U	18U
Distance Between Bases	50 feet	60 feet	60 feet	70 feet	80 feet	90 feet
Distance between home plate and rubber	36 feet	42 or 46 feet	46 feet	48 feet	54 feet	60 ½ feet
Batters Box	3 x 6	3 x 6	3 x 6	3 x 6	3 x 6	4 x 6
Foul lines	150-200	150-200	180-200	200-225 (lines) 225-260 to CF	245-270 (lines) 280-300 to CF	285-320 (lines) 320-400 to CF
Height of pitchers mound			6 inches	6 inches	8 inches	10 inches