



# NORTH LANGLEY BASEBALL 2021 FIELD INFORMATION



To our coaches & volunteers,

I would like to take the opportunity at this time to introduce myself to everyone as the new field's manager for North Langley Baseball. We have added a few new pieces of equipment and storage to assist the needs of our growing association and improve field maintenance.

Please read through the following information and familiarize yourselves with some new procedures that need to be followed to assist in maintaining the quality of our fields and equipment. Please make sure that you are passing this information on to parent volunteers that will be helping with field prep.

## **REMEMBER PLEASE ALWAYS LEAVE OUR PARKS AND EQUIPMENT BETTER THAN WE FOUND THEM**

### **WHITE SEA-CAN – SENIOR DIAMOND DOWN 1<sup>ST</sup> BASE LINE**

- Contents:
  - 2 L screens
  - All field equipment for Senior Diamond

### **GREEN SEA-CAN – BETWEEN SENIOR & ZARRELLI DIAMONDS**

- Contents:
  - 3 green screens
  - Field equipment for Parker/Zarrelli fields
    - Vacuum cart
    - Paint carts
    - Line paint
    - Shovels
    - Brooms
    - Turf grading machine

### **EQUIPMENT ROOM – BELOW THE UPPER EQUIPMENT ROOM AT THE NORTH END OF THE BATTING CAGE BUILDING**

- Contents:
  - ATV
  - Trailers
  - Lawn tractor
  - Pitching machines
  - Flyball machines
  - Extra lime
  - Batting tees
  - Various other field equipment

### **VACUUM CART – NEW THIS YEAR**

The vacuum and cart to assist with removing puddles on the fields. Please use the vacuum to remove water/puddles instead of pushing the water with brooms and rakes as that only increases the size of the depression and causes more water to collect the next time. Please make sure that after using the vacuum that it is emptied (water and dirt) and the electrical cords are rolled up and kept in the box on the cart. The vacuum cart is to be kept in the green container - please make sure it is returned there after use.



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## **AFTER USING THE DIAMOND**

Please make sure at the end of each training session or game that the field is left in good condition for the next team. This includes

- removing bases and returning them to
  - the dugouts (Fort Langley, Parker, Zarrelli and South Diamond)
  - container (Senior)
- Base plugs are put back in
- Field is raked in line with baselines (rather than across the baselines)
- Rakes are returned to their location
- Any bow nets or screens are returned to the containers they were taken from
- Lock up all dugouts, diamond fence (Parker, Zarrelli & Senior) and all containers/bins
- Place tarps over home plate area and pitcher's mound, ensuring that it is not on the grass
- All garbage is removed from the diamond and put into a park garbage can

## **TARPS**

- Parker, Zarrelli and Senior Diamonds have tarps to cover the home plate area and pitcher's mound
  - Please ensure that these are put in place after you have used the field
  - Make sure that they are only covering the dirt because if they are on the grass, it will kill the grass

## **RAKE & SCREENING INFIELDS**

- Basepaths
  - Rake up and down the basepaths rather than side to side
  - Raking side to side will push the dirt onto the grass which will create a lip
- Pitcher's mound
  - Always push the dirt back onto the mound and away from the grass
    - We don't want dirt in the grass as it will create a lip
  - Fill and tamp and holes and/or depressions
- All grass areas
  - Make sure when screening the field that you are not dragging it over the grass
  - Always push/pull the dirt away from the grass
    - We don't want dirt in the grass as it will create a lip
  - If there is dirt in the grass it can usually be raked out with a little effort which will prevent a lip from continuing to grow

## **\*WHEN RUNNING LOW ON ITEMS AT THE FIELDS – CONTACT ON LAST PAGE**

- Please let me know if we are running low on any items
  - Lime, when only 1 bag is left
  - Gas (South Diamond) when running low



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## **FORT LANGLEY DIAMOND (7U / 9U)**

- Fence on Fort Langley Diamond is 150' centre and 135' down the lines
- Visitor Dugout (1<sup>st</sup> Base Side)
  - Rakes
  - Screen
- Green Bin – behind Visitor Dugout (1<sup>st</sup> Base Side)
  - Dugout key
  - Umpire equipment
- Black Job Box – south end (home plate side) of the Visitor Dugout (1<sup>st</sup> Base)
  - Lime\*
- L Screen
- Batters Box Template
- Bases
- String Real
- Lime cart

## **SOUTH DIAMOND (9U / 11U)**

- Fence on South Diamond is 170' centre and 150' down the lines
- Home Dugout
  - Screen
- Home Dugout Shed (3<sup>rd</sup> Base Side)
  - Rakes
  - Bases
- Green Bin – beside the Visitor Dugout (1<sup>st</sup> Base Side)
  - Dugout key
  - Generator
- Green Bin – beside the Home Dugout (3<sup>rd</sup> Base Side)
  - Umpire Equipment
- L Screen
- Lime\*
- Lime cart
- Gas\*\*
- Pitching machine

## **PARKER FIELD (11U / 13U)**

- Fence on South Diamond is 220' centre and 200' down the lines
- This year we have added bullpens on Parker these will also need to be looked after
- Parker Diamond has had a lot of dirt added to it this year that was much needed but the result of that is the drainage has become slower and the puddling has increased (we are currently looking to improve this issue)
- Infield lines are to be done with paint as the Township of Langley has notified us that the lime discolours the shale. The shale needs to be damp to provide better adhesion of the field paint.
- Home Dugout (3<sup>rd</sup> Base Side)
  - 2 rakes
  - Shovel
- Green Sea-can
  - Field paint
  - Paint carts
  - Batters box template
- Bases are located under the dugout bench
- Sprayer to moisten the shale with water prior to the paint



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## ZARRELLI FIELD (13U / 15U)

- Zarrelli Diamond has also had a lot of extra dirt applied to the infield this year and will most likely puddle more. Please remember to use the vacuum to suck up water on the field instead of pushing puddles with rakes or brooms
- Infield lines are to be done with paint as the Township of Langley has notified us that the lime discolours the shale. The shale needs to be damp to provide better adhesion of the field paint
- Visitor Dugout Shed (1<sup>st</sup> Base Side)
  - Field equipment
  - Challenger Equipment (please do not use this)
- Green Sea-can
  - Field paint
  - Paint carts
  - Batters box template
  - Sprayer to moisten the shale with water prior to the paint
- When using a screen to drag the field please use the screen located in the Zarrelli dugout
- Fence on Zarrelli is 278' centre, 280' right field and 286' field
  - We are currently working on signage for the far fence with the distances on them.

## SENIOR FIELD (U15 / U18)

- White Sea-can
  - All field equipment is located here
- Currently our new Turtle for batting is in the Home Dugout
  - Once assembled it will likely be located beside the white container out in right field

## ZARRELLI TOWER

When using the vacuum cart you will need to plug the extension cords in from the room at the top of the Zarrelli tower. Please do not put anything in front of the electrical panel in the tower, as the township needs regular access to the panel.

There is a hose cart beside the stairs inside the tower. The tap is located outside the front of the tower. If you are needing the tap you will need the red handle located on top of the electrical panel in the tower.



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## **OUR ASK FROM EVERYONE**

With our recent news that Fort Langley field will not be available to our association this year our 4 fields at Walnut Grove Park will be extremely busy and getting a lot of extra use. With that comes more wear and tear on our fields and equipment. We need to make sure we are doing our part maintaining and treating the equipment and fields properly to reduce the risk of breakdowns and poor field conditions. In our first week we have already seen many fields not being raked/screened after use and our equipment being thrown in containers with no order or organization. We understand we are still in the process of organizing the equipment in our containers but we ask that everyone treat the equipment and containers as your own and keep it tidy.

The tarps will be out shortly and want to remind everyone the tarps need to be put over the pitching mound and home plate dirt areas after a session is finished. Tarps should never be on the grass. We also have artificial grass mats, 1 in the white container and 2 in the Zarrelli shed, that we recommend using during practices when pitching to the kids to avoid wearing out the grass in front of the mounds.

Last fall we went through an exceptionally large amount of field dry. The cost is high for this material and we will not have as much stocked and this is why we have invested in the vacuum cart. If you need to use the field dry it is not to be used as fill, it should be dusted over the wet dirt AFTER the standing water has been vacuumed up.

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Thank you for taking the time to read through our procedures and information. I am confident that everyone can assist in keeping our fields in good condition and our equipment running and working effectively.

If you require any further information or assistance, please feel free to reach out to me at 604-312-5174 or [philippegsimpson@gmail.com](mailto:philippegsimpson@gmail.com)

Kind regards,  
Phil Simpson, Fields Manager