



Weekly Repainting of Soccer Field Lines

Each season a field lining schedule for both Recreation and Travel fields will be disseminated to coaches. Due to the amount of time it takes volunteers to initially set up the fields prior to each season it is very important to maintain these lines.

At A Glance

- Takes between 20 minutes to an hour depending on field size.
- Shake cans vigorously for around a minute prior to starting to line.
- Walk Slowly
- Just push the machine forward. Trying to make corrections will most likely result in a wiggly line.
- Wear old shoes. Depending on the wind when you line there is a chance you will get paint on your shoes.

Why Repainting?

The weather, wear and tear as well as the weekly field mowing requires that each field be repainted each week. If a week is skipped the lines will most likely be lost and will require a minimum of 2 hours for our VP of Facilities and his volunteers, if any, to layout the field again.

Machines

The field lining machines are stored in the garage section of the clubhouse. They are brought out each Thursday evening. This is timed because weekly mowing occurs on Thursday's as well, depending on weather.

These machines are not intended to hold a lot of weight, please keep children from playing with them.

Repainting the Lines

1. Obtain the machine and a box of white paint from the back of the clubhouse, outside of the garage door.
 - a. A box of paint should sit on top of the machine.
 - b. U10 fields will also require one can of Orange paint
2. Shake paint spray can vigorously for about a minute. You can hold one in each hand. Take off cap and put spray can in machine; the latest nozzle slides into the correct position almost by itself. Sometimes the nozzle comes off when you remove the cap, just put it back on.
 - a. Almost every time, the nozzle slides into the slot correctly by itself, but with the hundreds of cans we use, occasionally the nozzle hits the slot exactly perpendicularly, and ends up on top of it. This will give you a narrow line of paint, not the wide line we prefer; but worse is that with the nozzle in this position the lever doesn't have much

give, can only be pulled a short distance. When you try to pull the lever as you're used to, the cable may come loose (or break) and then you'll have to spend time to get a replacement machine and I'll have to spend time repairing the machine.

- i. We recommend to pay a little attention to positioning the nozzle and always to pull the lever gently.
3. Walk the machine very slowly, toddler-speed, with the spray can nozzle right on top of the old line, pull lever to apply paint, walk slowly to apply a good layer of paint that will penetrate to the roots of the grass. Your walking speed determines how thick the paint is laid on. A can of paint should last about 50 to 70 yards. You'll also notice the sound change and clouds of white vapor when your can is almost empty. Replace cap and put empty cans upside-down in box.
4. Resist the temptation to "oversteer" the machine when going in a straight line. The 4 wheels do a very good job of keeping you going straight if you've started out heading in the right direction. Just pull the lever and push the machine forward. If you try to "micro manage" the steering (making little course corrections), you will invariably end up with a squiggly line.
5. Slightly lifting the machine off of the rear wheels makes it much easier to paint the tight curves in the corner arcs and for following the center circle and penalty arcs lines.
6. Having the sun at your back will give you a clearer view of the old lines.
7. Don't worry about using too much paint. Better too much than too little! But don't spend extra paint on dirt. It will scatter with the sand when the kids run over it.
8. If you do make an error in painting that you want to correct, the bottom of your shoe makes a wonderful eraser while the paint is still fresh!
9. Do not forget to repaint:
 - a. corner arcs (where applicable)
 - b. center lines
 - c. Build Out lines (U10) (Orange Paint)