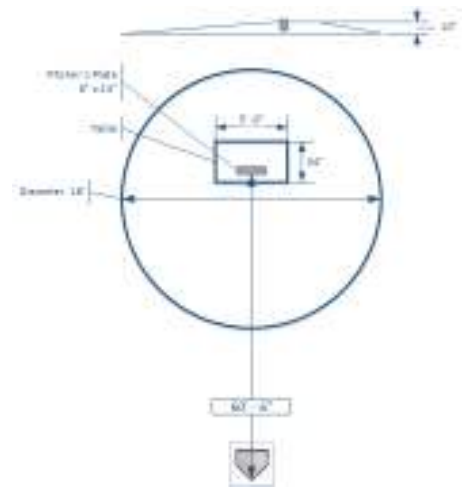


Field Prep Instruction Sheet

Prep before a game – It is the home team’s responsibility to prep the field before a game.

1. Measure the distance from the pitching rubber to home plate using the apex to identify the distance (see illustration).



Distances for Baseball

- Rookie 40' apex to pitcher's rubber; 60' between bases
- Minors 46' apex to pitcher's rubber; 60' between bases
- Majors 50' apex to pitcher's rubber; 70' between bases
- Babe Ruth 60'6" apex to pitcher's rubber; 90' between bases

Distances for Softball

- 7u 35' apex to pitcher's rubber; 60' between bases
 - 10u 35' apex to pitcher's rubber; 60' between bases
 - 12u 40' apex to pitcher's rubber; 60' between bases
 - 14u 43' apex to pitcher's rubber; 60' between bases
 - Pitcher's circle is 16' in diameter and an 8' rope with spike is in the field box
2. Rake the field around each base pulling material into the sliding area. Rake any other areas to ensure the field is safe for the player's use.
 3. Grab the batter box outline (jig) and mark the field by tracing around the jig. You can remove the jig and chalk the batter's box following the marks you made with the jig. You can make an adjustment, if necessary, to make the softball batter's box 7' x 3'.
 4. Recover the string from the field box and push the nail/spike in at the apex of home plate. Pull the line out from home plate to the outfield along the baseline of first base. Chalk the line from the batter's box to the outfield. Repeat this process for the 3rd base side.
 5. Secure the bases from the field box and pull the plugs. Insert the bases and place the plugs into the field box so they aren't lost.
 6. Place all maintenance equipment back in the field box.
 7. Take another look around the field to ensure it is ready and safe for use. Identify any concerns that will need to be shared with the umpire prior to the game.

Post Game Cleanup

1. Clean the dugout
2. Remove all the bases, place them in the field box, replace the plugs.
3. Rake around the bases and the pitcher's mound
4. Store all equipment back in the field box and secure with the lock
5. Any field needs should be communicated to your respective commissioner.