



FIELD MAINTENANCE

Our diamonds require constant care and although much of the big maintenance and care is handled by our volunteer Groundskeeper and the City of Surrey, there are a number of things that teams need to do, such as;

- Rake or Screen Drag the infield, plate area and mound **after each game and practice.**
- Ensure base plugs are replaced after game and practices.
- All equipment is safely stored in the Towers or lock boxes.
- **On rainy days it is of the utmost importance that at the Peewee, Bantam and Holly diamonds we DO NOT push standing water in the dirt area onto the grass. The mud that lands on the grass results in turf damage. Home Plate and the Pitching Mound should be tarped and spiked down.**
- **Once pooled water and mud is removed add new sand to the areas. Turface can use used to dry out the pitching mound and home plate areas. This produce is very expensive and we only get a limited supply each year so it is **only** for games and is not to be used for practices.**

Field Prep Prior to Games

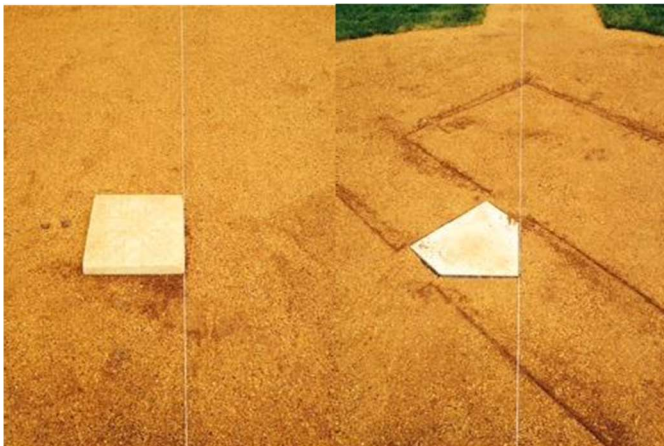
The following is a detailed outline on how to prepare the field for a game. It is optional to Rake or Screen Drag the infield. The mound and plate area should be inspected and any required repairs should be made using supplies and tools available from the towers or equipment boxes.

Lining the Field

- Using a batter's box template which should be located in the tower or a rake mark the batter's box. There are two different sizes, so please ensure that you are using the right one.



- Nail the spike on the end of the string at the top of the Home Plate.
- Run the string all the way down the first base-line, ensuring that it runs adjacent to the outer edge of first base and the right edge of home plate.



- With the string still in place use the Lime machine to line the First Base and Third Base Lines and the Batter's Box.

Post-game Clean-up:

- Put all Bases in Tower or Equipment Box.
- Rake or Screen Drag the infield.
- Repair all divots on the pitching mound
- The pitching mound and home plate area should have a tarp placed on them if rain is in the forecast.
- Put all equipment back in the Tower or Equipment Box and ensure it is locked.
- Lock the dugouts and all the field gates.