

MYB Field Maintenance Guide

These items must be done before and after each practice and game:

WATER ALL DIRT AREAS PRIOR TO DRAGGING, GROOMING, RAKING, OR FILLING AREAS

ALWAYS USE A MAT WHEN USING THE TAMP. NOT USING A MAT CAUSES MORE DAMAGE

Dragging the Field:

1. Sweep the diamond dust off the grass around the infield with a push broom
2. Remove bases, insert plugs before dragging
3. Pull dirt from high areas around the bases to the high traffic area in the base lines
4. Run the drag mat around the perimeter of the field staying 1 foot away from edge
5. DO NOT RUN THE DRAG MAT ON THE GRASS

Groom the Mound:

1. Sweep diamond dust off the grass and back onto the mound with a push broom
2. Pull all loose dirt out of the holes and gently wet the mound
3. Use the field rakes to pull the loose dirt/clay from the bottom of the mound up the slope to fill in the holes. Also ensure a consistent slope to the mound
4. Use the tamp and mat to pack in the loose dirt in the holes near the rubber and landing
5. Lightly water and cover with tarp

Groom Base Paths

1. Sweep diamond dust off the grass along base paths using a push broom
2. Rake the base path parallel to the base line. DO NOT rake perpendicular, it will create lips and WILL KILL THE GRASS
3. Rake from 1st base to home plate & Home plate to 3rd base angling the rake to the center

Groom Home Plate:

1. Rake Home plate area from catcher's box towards the mound. We want a slope towards the back stop
2. Fill the holes in the catcher's box and batter's box with the loose dirt and use the tamp and mat to pack in the loose dirt in the holes
3. Lightly water and cover with tarp

Repairing Wet Spots

1. DO NOT DRAG WET INFIELD DIRT. Just score the dirt with small rakes and let the air dry the field.
2. DO NOT SWEEP WATER from the infield onto the grass. IT WILL KILL THE GRASS
3. For severe puddling contact your division director to work with field maintenance

Dugouts

1. Throw all trash and litter in trash cans
2. Sweep out dugouts
3. Put away all equipment and lock dugout lockers