



FIELD OPENING/CLOSING PROCEDURES

Opening

- Grab a cart from the cart bin. Make sure lock stay hung back on hooks and puck lock is locked back in place on one of the doors.
- Put some water on the dirt infield so the field will hold up better throughout the day.
- Open equipment bins and place lock from blue bins on the small lock holder holes (not in or around the bin)
- Place base plugs near the fence 3rd and second go to the 3rd base side. 1st goes to 1st base side.
- Dig out and replace sprinkler and valve covers prior to starting practice.
- Reminder: When chalking, stay as straight as you can with the string line guide. Add a runner's lane and coached boxes 8ft from foul lines.

Closing

- Grab a rake and fill in the low spots and rake it as evenly as possible (batter's box, catchers' area, pitchers around, first and third base area as well as the second base and short stop area) then take the lip area (where the dirt meets the grass).
- Drag in a figure 8 from second and home plate areas and then from the first and third base areas. Begin on the outside area 1 foot from where the dirt ends and circle the field working your way to the middle of the field driving at a slow pace. Please do not race around the field.
- When done dragging stop the cart anywhere on the field. Preferably near one of the heavy hole traffic areas but the idea is to not stop the drag in the same areas so build up will not occur. Gently place the mat on the cart and drive the cart off the field. Please do not drag the mat through the gate. The dirt build up and there's a mound that hinders the gate when sliding it closed.
- After the drag of the fields watering should be thorough. Once or twice around the field will not help keep the moisture it needs. 3 to four times would be ideal.
- Make sure all equipment boxes and the cart bins and fences are locked properly and all valves especially the mains are closed off.