



FIELD MAINTENANCE POST-GAME CHECKLIST

To help keep our fields in top condition, please follow these field maintenance procedures. Prior to starting, remove bases and plug holes. When finished remove plugs and replace bases. Except for the last game of the day; Leave plugs in and place bases in the dugouts.

1. **BASE PATHS:**

You will find either a rake or small broom at each field. When raking (broom) the base paths, **RAKE FROM HOME TO THE BASES**. Drag starting at home plate towards either 1st or 3rd base down the center of the base path; pulling towards you **DO NOT TOUCH THE GRASS WHILE DOING THIS, KEEP THE DIRT OFF THE GRASS** The home plate area is composed of a clay dirt material. The rest of the infield is Angel Dirt, (the same as Edison field). These materials do not mix.

2. **HOME PLATE AND PITCHERS MOUND: USE A RAKE ONLY**

Home Plate: Push the clay towards home plate from the edges of the batters circle and rake out all holes in the batters box. Then smooth the clay for an even appearance. **Pitchers Mound;** Push the clay towards the rubber; **DO NOT RAKE THE MOUND AREA GETTING THE CLAY ON THE GRASS.** Pack the dirt in front of the rubber and rake out the holes. Smooth the clay for an even appearance. Use only mound clay for both home plate and mound areas **NO INFIELD DIRT!**

3. **INFIELDS**

When dragging the infield, take care, keep the dirt off the grass, you do not need to drag all the way to the edges of the grass (leave a 4"-6" gap). Do not to accumulate the dirt by first and third base. Pay extra attention please **do not to drag the Angel Dirt onto the grass** as it ruins the blades of the lawn mowers and raises the costs of maintenance. **KEEP THE ANGEL DIRT OFF THE GRASS.**

4. **COACHES BOXES AND ON DECK AREA: GROOM WITH A RAKE ONLY.**

5. **WATER DOWN THE INFIELD BETWEEN GAMES.** (ask for help when you are ready)
This helps in two ways: dust control and ground compaction. **DO NOT OVER WATER**

6. **FIELD DAMAGE REPORTS**

Check field for damage. Report it to your Division Commissioner so we can have repairs scheduled.

7. **CARE FOR TOOLS AND EQUIPMENT**

Secure area and return tools, rakes and brooms before leaving. If you are the final game of the day, pull bases and **PLUG BASE HOLES!**

8. **DUGOUT AND BLEACHERS MAINTENANCE**

Keep dugout free of trash. Have parents pick up trash in bleachers. Please use the containers provided.

9. **GATES & LOCKS:** If you are last one out, please lock the gates. *If we follow the maintenance rules, we will have the best available playing fields for our children for many years to come.*