



Field Usage Guidelines



Coach(s) responsibilities for Field Set-up and Shut down

Field Set-up (always the home team)

1. Field shall be set-up in a manner that the players have a fulfilling experience of playing on a respectfully set-up Field.
2. Anchor string line from field box to the back point of plate, passing plate angled sides and beyond 3rd and 1st bases appropriately.
3. Chalk batter and umpire boxes and baselines per player level requirements
4. Chalk outline of on-deck circles, make the location in a safe radius from dugout opening and far enough away from the game of play
5. Remove base pegs for appropriate distance of player requirements.
6. Install bases after chalk lines have been installed
7. Apply in-field dust control by utilizing built in sprinklers by using manual valves

Field Shutdown (always the away team)

1. Remove bases, not pitching rubbers
2. Install base peg protective covers
3. Rake infield
4. Drag field if required
5. Place bases in field box
6. Remove any empty chalk bags or garbage from field boxes
7. Lock field box
8. Inspect field, dugouts and surrounding areas and pickup any garbage or manmade debris

Notes:

Coaches are encouraged to solicit parents for help or designate a non-coaching parent to be responsible for overseeing and managing the set-up and shut-down of fields.

Recruit players after the games to help, this aids in their learning and being prideful of their baseball field.

Water removal and control should only be done with one method:

1. Dig a hole in the field 8-10" deep where the water is pooled. This may need several places on the field.
2. This will allow the water to be siphoned out of that hole with the red siphons into a 5 gallon bucket and carry the water and poor it outside the playing field.
3. **Never push water into the grass** with a rack it will destroy the grass and the infield lip
4. Keep pushing water into the hole so it can be siphoned until you have most of the water removed
5. Fill in the hole with a rake and use small amount of filed dry to get the field back to playable conditions

Contact the board members with any request for guidance.