

Basic field maintenance / Coaches Guide / Coach Training Guide

Coaches request for Field Maintenance / Repair Requests / Field Equipment.

- Fill out Field Maintenance request located in assigned tool shed. - FIELD REQUESTS ONLY, NOT FOR PLAYING EQUIPMENT (Repairs to field, fences and dugouts - Bases and base plugs - tools for field maint)

Coaches responsibilities before and after game:

Home	Set-Up & Prep	
Away	Break Down	Lock Sheds, Bathrooms, Cage and Snack Bar.

TURN ON FIELD LIGHTS IF REQUIRED

FIELD SET UP

Apx 20 min **Remember: we are trying to enhance playing experience and player safety!**

1) Find labeled wheelbarrow w bases and tools for your field:

- Push broom / fan broom	You may also need:
- Landscape rake	- Weed hoe
- Fan rake	- Flat shovel
- Trash Can(s)	

2) Inspect field :

Dispose of:	Maintenance required:
- Trash	- Uneven playing surfaces
- Dog droppings	- Weeds/ grass on clay surfaces

3) Field Prep:

Pull Drag:	Hand Rake(s)	Weed Hoe
Base plug still in->	- Base lines and pitching lane	- Scrape and remove weeds/ grass in playing area
- Drag infield playing area	- Rake down the baseline and not from side to side	Push Broom
- ALWAYS keep 12" away from grass	- Anywhere in field with deep indentions	- Smooth surfaces as needed
- NEVER drag baselines or pitching lane!		- Push dirt from grass edge unto field
- NEVER drag over grass		- Sweep home plate
- TRY to start from various points on field (ie... 1st base then 3rd base)		

4) Lightly water

MAKE SURE NOT TO OVER WATER- Moist at best!

- DO NOT water pitching mound. (Majors / Minors only)
- Hose in wheelbarrow assigned to each field
- Find water outlet (round cap behind pitching mound)- MAKE SURE SPRAYER IS OFF- insert spigot and twist to seat & turn on
- Apply water to clay areas only. (wet grass is slippery)

5) Base Placement

**** BEFORE REMOVING PLUGS!!****

- Remove aprox 6" square by 4" deep of dirt around plug and stem.

Remove plug here->

- Remove plug and clean stem w/ remover tool
- Place base into stem. DO NOT STEP OR JUMP ON BASE TO SEAT TO GROUND
- Check level of base, if not flush with ground, remove and repeat until flush
- Repeat for all bases