



Coaching Expectations: **Field Maintenance**

1. Field Security and Maintenance

- a. All managers and coaches are expected to attend the annual pre-season field training
 - i. Coaches will be instructed and shown proper field care
 - ii. Instructed on proper opening and closing procedures
 - iii. Introduced to field maintenance equipment and proper use and storage
- b. Majors and AAA Managers will be assigned keys and combos to the James St and MacArthur facilities.
 - i. Keys must never be duplicated
 - ii. Keys must never be shared with anyone without prior approval of the Board of Directors or Level Coordinator
 - iii. It is the responsibility of team managers to ensure the facilities are locked and secure after every use
 1. Storage trailers/bins
 2. Concession stand
 3. Batting cage
 4. Dumpster
 5. Portable toilet
- c. All managers and coaches are expected to help maintain the playing fields
 - i. Uncover pitcher's mound and home plate
 - ii. Bases and anchor plates are removed and stored following every use
 - iii. Base holes are plugged after every use
 - iv. Rake/Drag and groom all dirt playing surfaces Before and After every use
(See attached Diagram)
 1. Always rake/drag with basepaths; Never across
 2. Always rake towards the pitcher's plate and homeplate; Never away
 - a. Fill and repair any holes created while playing
 3. Keep rake/drag 6-8 inches away from infield grass
 - a. Prevents dangerous lips from forming on the infield grass
 4. Pull dirt toward the bases to prevent gullies from forming around high traffic areas
 - v. Pitcher's mound and Home Plate must be covered after every use
 - vi. Failure to maintain fields could result in;
 1. Letter of reprimand
 2. Suspension from coaching
 3. Removal from coaching

- d. AA, A and Tee Ball Managers will be given the combinations to the equipment storage bins at the Welch/O'Connor B and Carroll Savage playing fields
 - i. Lock combinations must never be shared with anyone that is not associated with Peabody Little League
 - ii. It is the responsibility of team managers to ensure;
 - 1. All league equipment is properly cared for and returned to the storage bin
 - a. Catcher's equipment
 - i. Must organized and returned to supplied equipment bag before being placed in the storage bin
 - b. Bat racks
 - c. Bases and anchors
 - d. Shared practice and game balls
 - e. Jr Umpire protective gear(Carroll Savage)
 - 2. Bases and anchor plates are removed after every use(Carroll Savage)
 - a. Welch/O'Connor B uses temporary, non anchored bases
 - 3. Base holes are plugged after every use(Carroll Savage)
 - 4. Storage bin is locked and secure after every use
 - 5. Notify Level Coordinator if;
 - a. Any equipment is missing
 - b. First-aid kits need restocking

Field Care Diagram Below!

How to Properly Rake and Drag Infield

Proper raking and dragging techniques help to reduce the formation of a grass lip on the infield edge:

- Always rake with a grass edge not into it, and avoid pulling infield material into the grass edge
- When dragging the infield stay at least six inches away from the grass edge
- Hand screen drag on the infield skin and warning track, and a hand rake on baselines, infield cutouts, pitching mound, and home plate
- Do not allow players or other kids to use drags

The diagrams below show how to maintain fields using rakes and drags.

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