

General Guidelines

- > **Dirt/Diamond-Tex kills the grass.** Always keep dirt out of grass when raking and dragging. Sweep Diamond-Tex on edges of grass back into basepaths, homeplate, and pitchers mound
- > **Standing Water should be Sponged/Not Swept:** No sweeping water on the field. Instead, sponge water with black sponges/egg crates. Blowers can be used after puddles are gone
- > **Rake in One Direction:** Rake from base to base (1st to home and 3rd to home) and not across the base path where dirt gets in the grass
- > **Soft Fields should Not be Played On:** To test, if you step on the field and your feet sink causing an indent from your shoe, it is not playable
- > **Field Dry Should be Used Sparingly:** Do not use field dry until standing water has been sponged. Sprinkle it in, and let sit for time to absorb

Home Team (Prep Field for Safe Play)

- > Rake the infield (base to base), pitcher's mound and home plate area (keep dirt off grass)
- > Use sponges for water when necessary
- > Line foul lines (infield and batters box only, no outfield). **Use only 2" setting.**
- > Place bases at location and assure they are securely fastened
- > Supply two (2) game balls to the umpire (located in snack bar area)
- > Assign one adult (parent or coach) to operate the scoreboard
- > Ensure dugouts, stands and your side of the field are litter free, dispose of all trash in bin

Away Team (Clean Field and Ensure Final Lock-Up)

- > Fill in holes, most holes will be around the sliding areas, homeplate, and pitcher mound
- > For larger holes like the pitchers mound or batters box, apply water or ice
- > Drag and Rake field base to base
- > Return bases and equipment to the appropriate garage or storage area after the last game
- > Ensure all equipment is put away neatly in storage area
- > Ensure dugouts, stands and your side of the field are litter free, dispose of all trash in bin
- > Ensure Scoreboard is off and Remote is Returned to Snackbar
- > Field #1 - ensure garage, snack bar, peterson building and scorekeepers' areas are secured and locked, ensure lights are off
- > Field #2 - ensure garage and scorers area are secured and locked, ensure lights are off
- > Field #3 - ensure closet is secured and locked
- > Field #4 - ensure closet is secured and locked
- > Field #5 - ensure closet is secured and locked, ensure lights are off

Raking



Standing Water/Puddles



Field Dry Application



Determining Playable Field

