

- 1 - After every use the field needs to be dragged with the sandpro, and raked. All footprints need to be dragged or raked out. VERY important if rain is coming.
- 2 - The sand pro or hand drags should NOT be used on the baselines or around home plate. Those areas need to be raked by hand. Obviously do not use a drag on the mound.
- 3 - Please rake up and down the base lines and not across them. Raking across will cause a depression in the middle of the line and push all the conditioner (and infield dirt) into the grass.
- 4 - When raking the pitcher's mound please do not pull all the conditioner to the edges and into the grass. Rake toward the middle of the mound.
- 5 - Same thing as #4 for the batting area (circle) please do not pull all the conditioner to the edges away from the middle and into the grass.
- 6 - After each game please fill in the holes in the batter's box and pitcher's mound. If the holes are real deep, there is clay in the shed, please place it down and tamp it in, then push infield dirt and clay over it. Using water with the clay helps it set and become hard. With all of the metal spikes used on the field this is very important in order to make sure we don't have huge holes in these areas. NOTE the clay will not stay in place if you place it over loose dirt or conditioner, you need to place it on hard clay already in place.
- 7 - If you are going to do batting practice on the field with an L screen, please do not pitch from the grass in front of the mound (it will kill the grass). Pitch from the mound.
- 8 - When placing the lines down, less is better. The lime breaks down the infield mix and conditioner and turns it to powder. I suggest 2" lines for the baselines and 1" lines for the batter's boxes (since they get wiped away after the first inning anyway). After each game instead of raking the lines up, leave them there and rake next to them so they can be just touched up for the next game.
- 9 - Use diamond dry sparingly, when the sun comes out and in the heat of the summer it can make the field hard as a concrete. NOTE that conditioner can be used to fix puddles (as a diamond dry) and we are happy with conditioner on the field.
- 10 - Place all trash in the dugouts in the trash cans

#6 is very important, please emphasize.

Also once the water is turned on, it would benefit your games to wet down the field prior to playing.