# Edina’s Mayfly Tournament

**Directions for Field Prep Volunteers**

**Location**: All **field prep tools** are behind the 3rd base dugout of Field 1 at Pamela and next to the warming house at Van Valkenburg.

**Timing:** 10 minutes approximate time on each field.

**Fields:** Be alert for the ending of games and immediately prep at the end of each game.

**Grounds-keeping Procedures:**

* **DRAGGING**
* Drag the entire infield smooth to eliminate any low spots.
* The teeth side of the drag, rather than the brush side, usually works best.
* Do NOT drag over chalked areas on the 1st and 3rd base lines and/or the pitcher’s circle.
* **RAKE - FILL IN – PACK - SMOOTH OUT**
* Areas around **home plate first**,
* then around the **pitching plate,**
* **bases**, followed by the
* **running lanes in foul territory** down the 1st and 3rd base lines.
* Rake the batting cages where the hitters stand when the cages are not being used.
* **TOUCH UP THE CHALK**
* down the **1st and 3rd base lines**
* **on-deck circles**
* **pitcher’s circle**.
* **RE-CHALK THE BATTER’S BOX**
* Use the 3’ by 7’ aluminum batter’s box form by placing it exactly on home plate and press on the rectangle part so it leaves a depression in the dirt that can be used as a chalking guide.
* It’s wise to **look from behind home plate to ensure the boxes are parallel to the sides of the plate before chalking.**

\*\*All rakes, drags, chalkers, and the batter’s box form should be returned to behind the third base dugout on field one.

**Thank you for helping with the fields.**

**Besides giving the players a good field on which to play, you fill an important role in keeping the tournament running smoothly and on time.**