

Field Maintenance Guidelines

Field Raking

The coaching staff of each team is responsible for raking the home plate area if playing the last game of the day. The coaching staffs shall also rake the base paths between home plate and first base, and between first base and second base.

The coaching staff is also responsible for raking the pitcher's mound area if playing the last game of the day. The coaching staffs shall also rake the base paths between second base and third base, and between third base and home plate.

Regarding Field 1 and Field 3 it is very important to follow certain raking procedures to maintain the quality of the playing surface. Coaches are responsible for using a soft metal rake or push broom to rake the dirt away from the edges of the grass, back into the infield dirt. This should be done along every border where grass contacts the dirt (which includes the infield and outfield arch, the 1st and 3rd base baselines, the pitching tunnel, around the pitcher's mound, and around home plate).

The pitcher's mound, where the pitcher plants against the pitching rubber, and the landing area should also be maintained at least once per week by using a dirt tamp and some water to help re-solidify the areas that have been softened during gameplay.

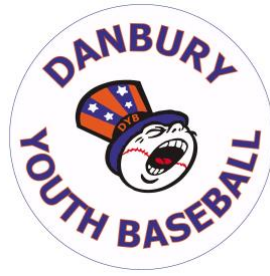
If you are unsure about how to properly rake the edges or use the dirt tamp, please see a Board member for further instructions.

Rain Maintenance Procedures

Coaches are also responsible for tarping the home plate and pitching mound areas if rain is forecasted. As well, on weekends during inclement weather the night before or the morning of their scheduled game, a coach or representative from each team for the first game of the day (regardless of first game start time) should arrive to the field 90 minutes prior to the scheduled start time to help prepare the field for play. If the first scheduled game for the day is cancelled, the second scheduled game defaults to and becomes the first game.

Field Equipment Maintenance Procedures

- Bases



- All bases must be removed from the field and placed back in the designated storage boxes immediately following the conclusion of any game or practice.
- Base plugs must be securely reinserted into each base anchor once the bases are removed.
- Pitching Rubbers
 - The 46-foot pitching rubbers on Fields 1 and 3 must be removed after every use and stored in the field box provided.
- Rakes and Field Maintenance Tools
 - All rakes, drags, shovels, and other field maintenance tools must be returned to the field boxes or sheds and neatly stored after use.
- Dugout Locks – Field 1
 - The Field 1 dugout gates must be locked after each session. Locks must be secured and tested to ensure they are fastened properly.
- Lights
 - Field lights must be turned off after the final game or practice of the night. Double-check all switches to ensure no lights are left on.
- Sheds
 - All field sheds must be locked when not in use and especially after each event. Please verify the doors are properly closed and secure