



Welcome to South County Little League

PRE-GAME / PRACTICE FIELD MAINTENANCE

- Check the field for hazards (insecure bases, holes in the ground / fencing).
- Repair minor issues; report major issues to the League Commissioner, Grey Hat of the Day or Field Maintenance Director.
- Remove tarps from LP5
- Drag / groom the skinned areas level and smooth.
- Rake, fill, and groom mound / batter box, as needed.
- Line the infield dirt. **DO NOT USE CHALK ON GRASS AREAS**

POST-GAME/PRACTICE FIELD MAINTENANCE

- Remove bases
- Drag the skinned areas only
- Rake loose dirt from the grass along the base paths, the mound circle, and infield edge back into the skinned areas.
- Rake, fill, and groom the field mound and home plate area.
- Rake, fill, and groom bull pen mounds.
- Replace and tamp loose divots in turf areas.
- Replace mound and home plate tarps and secure if necessary. (LP5)
- Sweep out the dugouts.
- Dispose of trash in and around the field, dugouts, and bleacher areas.

FIELD MAINTENANCE CHECKLISTS

BASE PATH MAINTENANCE

- Remove bases and debris (sticks, rocks, grass clippings).
- Drag the skinned areas—slowly. This grooms the surface and levels low spots. Keep the drag at least 6 inches from the grass edge to prevent LIPS forming.
- Groom the areas next to the turf with a landscape rake.

Tips & Hints

- Change the direction of the drag to prevent buildup; try a spiral drag path.
- If infield mix gets on the turf, use a plastic fan rake or broom to get it out.

Please Avoid

- Raking across the base path. This creates low spots in the middle of the base path and a lip along the grass.
- Raking or squeegeeing water out of the base path, going across to the grass, will quickly develop a LIP
- Entering and exiting the field at the same place with the drag.
- Dragging past the skinned area onto the turf will create lips.



HOME PLATE MAINTENANCE

- Rake loose material from the batter & catcher boxes and umpire area to expose hard ground.
- Tamp loose mix into the holes using a tamp or the smooth back of a field rake.
- Rake then repair areas and the rest of the home plate area.
- Cover with a tarp (LP5) to hold in moisture and protect the skinned area from heavy rains.

MOUND MAINTENANCE

- Rake and sweep loose material from the landing area and top of the mound exposing hard ground.
 - The landing area is the place where the pitcher lands with his lead foot.
- Rake the loose moistened material into the holes created by the pitcher.
- Tamp the loose fill using a tamp or the smooth back of a field rake.
- Rake and broom the repaired areas and the rest of the mound.
- Cover with a tarp (LP 5) to hold in moisture and protect the skinned area from heavy rains.

MOUND DIMENSIONS

- **60' FIELD** / The pitching block sits 6" above home plate with the front 46' from the back apex of home plate. The top of the mound is level in a 17" (deep) x 48" (wide) box measuring 17" from 4" in front of the pitching block rearwards and centering the 48" width on the pitching block.
- **90' FIELD** / The pitching block sits 10" above home plate with the front 60' 6" from the back apex of home plate. The top of the mound is level in a 34" (deep) x 60" (wide) box measuring 34" from 6" in front of the pitching block rearwards and centering the 60" width on the pitching block.
- The grade for the front of the mound drops 1" for every linear foot starting 4" in front of the block (60' field) and 6" in the front of the block (90' field).

FIELD MAINTENANCE TIPS

LP5 TARPS

- Once removed from the field, hang tarps along the fence line.
- Place tarps on the Mound and Home Plate area after every practice or game unless the field is to be used immediately following.

LP1/LP2 TARPS

- A crew of at least 4 adults is necessary to handle the LP1/LP2 full infield tarps
- Unroll the tarp onto the outfield
- Unfold the tarp in the outfield
- "Fly" the tarp by getting some air under it, and pull over the infield (silver side faces the sky)
- Hold in place with sandbags or stakes.
- When removing the tarp, turn upside down by pulling from one end over the infield and pull all the way to outfield
- Fold tarp longitudinal to roller
- Roll onto roller toward fence, and place cover over the tarp

DRYING AGENT

- Need permission from Grounds Director to use.
- Use drying agents sparingly and only for games; overuse can adversely affect the playing surface.
- Apply drying agent an hour or more before game time so it will have time to work.