

BASEBALL AND SOFTBALL FIELD USE AND MAINTENANCE GUIDELINES

Please pass these guidelines on to all coaches and players:

- Insert proper bases before use, remove and store bases after each use (when applicable). Other users – lift and remove/check bases each use (loose bases, stuck because of moisture and rust – adhere to anchor posts).
- Use plugs when bases are removed.
- Never sweep water onto any grass area (infield or outfield). Follow park department guidelines for removal of water (if necessary).
- Do not remove infield dirt from field (if taken off, must be replaced after use)
- Use speedy dry conservatively. Do NOT use in infield grass areas.
- Material needed at fields (pitchers mound/home plate) – rake. Bricks have been set.
- No soft toss or batting practice against any of the fences (use soft toss nets).
- Always use pitching mats and hitting mats. Never pitch or hit from any grass area (infield, outfield or foul territory).
(Coaches - explain reasons to players and encourage)
- Place pitching & hitting mats back in dugout areas.
- Cover and uncover pitching mounds and home plate areas with tarps after every practice and game (do not leave tarps on grass areas).
- Clean up litter in both the dugouts (also clean up after visiting team leaves). (*New State & Moriarty especially*).
- Cover & Uncover storm drains (NW Park only).
- Have players rake mound and plate area/fill in holes after each game or practice (this is important and will help in the future condition of those areas). *Rake even if there is an immediate use after you.*
- Keep watering cans in the press box/storage – to moisten a dry/dusty mound.
- Turn off all scoreboards and ball field lights.
- If game(s) are canceled, contact Recreation Department immediately so we can pass on to Parks dept. (no lining of fields that won't be used – appreciate and more apt to respond to needs)
- Emergency field maintenance issues (lighting, sprinklers), please call 645-5500 (as for Town Maintenance/Public works employee on call).