



AMERICAN YOUTH SOCCER ORGANIZATION

HOW TO OPEN FIELDS

If you are **OPENING**, please make sure you get to the fields early! One hour prior to game time is recommended.

- Repaint the lines on the field (you or your field volunteer). Use the thick side of the paint out of the can. Go slowly, follow the old lines, and do not allow kids to line the fields. *Tip: having the sun at your back makes it easier to see the lines.*
- **Put the goals on its wheels** and roll the goals in place and put a stake inside the chains on the back of each goal to ensure they are secure. **After the goal is placed, take the goal off its wheels.**
- Place the corner flags on the field (4 on each field)
- Place the trash cans with a trash liner by each field.
- Walk the field to make sure it is clear of any foreign objects, dog poop, etc.
- **The home team is always on the north or west side of the field** with away teams on the south or east side.

HOW TO CLOSE FIELDS

If you are **CLOSING** (final game of the day), please be sure to help the other teams that are closing as well. Working together as a team will make it easier to close the fields.

- **Place the goals on its wheels** and roll the goals back to their designated spots. If the normal area where goals go has long grass, please place them back to the side of the original area so that the school district can cut the grass.
- **Goals must be positioned face to face! Once in position, take the goals OFF the wheels.**
- **DO NOT FORGET:** Return the goal stakes back to the storage bins (2 stakes per goal).
- Return the corner flags back in the storage bin.
- Make sure that all trash is picked up around the fields, remove the bag and throw in the dumpster. Place the empty trash cans back into the storage bins. **The trash bags for Spring View can be left by the bin for pickup by a board member.**