



CMYBA Field Prep & Cleanup

Practices

● Before Practice

- Drag field if necessary.
- Set bases to proper distance.
- Turn on field lights if needed.

● After Practice

- Rake Bases pulling material to low spots.
- Rake Pitchers Mound, and Batters Box filling in and compacting any holes. Utilize water sprayer to moisten areas.
- Replace tarps on pitchers mound and home plate.
- Return all rakes and equipment to proper storage location for the complex.
- Throw away any trash in dugouts.
- Turn off field lights.

1st Game of the Day

● Before Game

- Drag Field.
- Set bases to proper distance.
- Line the field.
- Turn on scoreboard (If desired).

● After Game

- Rake Bases pulling material to low spots.
- Rake Pitchers Mound, and Batters Box filling in and compacting any holes.
- Return all rakes and equipment to proper storage location for the complex.
- Throw away any trash in dugouts.

2nd Game of the Day

● Before Game

- Drag Field if necessary.
- Set bases to proper distance.
- Line the field if necessary.
- Turn on scoreboard (If desired).
- Turn on field lights.

● After Game

- Rake Bases pulling material to low spots.
- Rake Pitchers Mound, and Batters Box filling in and compacting any holes. Utilize water sprayer to moisten areas.
- Replace tarps on pitchers mound and home plate.
- Return all rakes and equipment to proper storage location for the complex.
- Throw away any trash in dugouts.
- Turn off scoreboard.
- Turn off field lights.

Only Game of the Day

● Before Game

- Drag Field.
- Set bases to proper distance.
- Line the field.
- Turn on scoreboard (If desired).

● After Game

- Rake Bases pulling material to low spots.
- Rake Pitchers Mound, and Batters Box filling in and compacting any holes. Utilize water sprayer to moisten areas.
- Replace tarps on pitchers mound and home plate.
- Return all rakes and equipment to proper storage location for the complex.
- Throw away any trash in dugouts.
- Turn off scoreboard.
- Turn off field lights.

General Information

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- o The pre-game maintenance is the responsibility of both Home and Away teams' coaching staffs.
- o When prepping the field you should arrive at the field as early as possible or send an assistant coach in your place. Under normal conditions you will need at least 20 minutes to prep the field. Wet conditions will take much more time (up to an hour).

● Base Distances

- o Ensure bases are set at proper distance. Shetland 50', Pinto & Mustang 60', Bronco 70', Pony 80, Colt 90'. Base distances are marked with tags on the fence.
- o When moving bases ensure to install base plug in removed base location.
- o Utilize base cleanout tools to clean out base pegs if needed.

● Field Dragging

- o Bases should be removed and base plugs installed before dragging field.
- o Use drag mat to drag field. Only approved coaches should use the spike drag.
- o When dragging field be careful not to take sharp turns as drag chain can become entangled in rear tractor/gator wheels.
- o Use caution when dragging over base plugs. Do not drag over home plate.
- o Drag field starting on outside ~2 feet from the outfield grass and work in towards pitchers mound then drag outward from pitchers mound to outside. This will eliminate any tire marks in field from gator/tractor and distribute dirt/field mix evenly.
- o Do not drag the field if it has standing water or is excessively soft.

● Field Lining

- o There are string lines on orange reels at each complex that can be utilized to ensure straight lines.
- o There are batters box templates at each complex that can be used to assist with batters box lining.
- o Pinto Only – place 6' long line 20' from 2nd, 3rd, and home plate.
- o Only place needed amount of lime in the field liner to line your field. Remove excess lime into buckets in garage for later use.
- o Return all lining equipment to proper storage location for the complex.

● Batters Box, Bases, & Pitchers Mound

- o After each game or practice the Batter's Box, Bases, Pitcher's Mound must be raked.
- o Rake Bases. Ensure to pull material to low spots in front of bases so they do not collect water.
- o Rake Pitchers Mound. Fill any holes and compact dirt with rake or tamper. Utilize water sprayer to moisten around rubber and foot landing area. This is needed to keep the clay bricks moist.
- o Rake Batters Box. Fill any holes and compact dirt with rake or tamper. Ensure to also fill catchers and umpire areas. Utilize water sprayer to moisten area. This is needed to keep the clay bricks moist.
- o Install tarps on pitchers mound and batters box unless there is a game immediately following.

● Wet Weather & Cancellations

- o Games & practices should be cancelled if there are multiple areas of standing water or if you sink >1/2" when walking on the field.
- o In most situations the league will cancel practices & games due to inclement weather however ultimately it is the Home Teams coaches' responsibility to cancel if deemed necessary. If a game is cancelled the Home Teams coach is responsible for working with the Visiting Team coach to select a date to reschedule. Home Team coach should utilize the master calendar on the website to select a field, time, and date that are available and notify the Scheduling Director so it can be added to the master calendar.
- o **NO FIELD DRY** should be used on Falconi Fields 1-4 as it reacts with the field mix creating a rock hard surface. Field dry can be only used on Cecil Elementary, and Cecil Park.
- o Falconi Fields 1-4 to remove standing water utilize pitch fork to lift up clay base to allow water to drain under clay. There is field mix located near field 4 that can be spread.