

Steps prior to leaving the field & other reminders: : **Highlighted Items are a Must**

- require players help as much as possible!

1) Replace all bases and base plates with the rubber plugs

2) Push loose dirt from behind & sides of base back into sliding area & rake out

- use backside of long rake. Prevents a hill around/under the base and gully in front.

3) Scrape out, Water, and Re-fill holes on mound & home plate; tamp and rake

- rake out loose dirt from holes, water the holes (amount depends on how dry it is), re-fill holes, level and tamp. Rake, dampen entire area, and cover

4) Hand drag the entire infield – hand rake tight areas and edges

Don't pull dirt toward lips/edges!!!! STAY 1 FOOT FROM EDGES WITH DRAG

- do not drag/rake dirt into/toward the grass edges; Rake the base paths and edges in direction the lip, not side to side; these steps will prevent creating raised lips and gulleys
- don't drag near/over base plugs, only use narrow drags on base paths
- empty drags in sliding areas as they are lifted off the field
- use leaf rake to pull dirt back into infield from grass lip, can smooth with broom

5) Cover Mound/Home Plate with tarps unless they need to dry out/harden

- AFTER A HEAVY RAIN, REMOVE TARPS ASAP IF SOFT UNDERNEATH

6) Utilize tractor rake & drag as much as possible

- travel in overlapping circles as much as possible, not straight lines, to prevent grooves
- do not drag over or toward grass edges or base plugs, go slowly near edges
- empty (lift) rake and drag in sliding area of each base and batters boxes to re-grade
- maintaining a half inch of loose groomed dirt on surface eliminates bad hops

7) Add baseball dirt to any holes or low areas on the field

8) Do not push water puddles off the infield

- dig a hole in low spot of puddle to enable scooping WATER with shovel, bucket or cup
- add dirt to those puddle areas to eliminate low spots

9) Do Not Overuse Quick Dry agents

10) Keep the kids from digging holes and destroying lips/edges!!!

11) Do not use the fences as a "net" for hitting/throwing into

12) Do not pitch or hit from the grass areas

13) Maintain cages by pulling weeds – after rain is easiest

14) Put CLEANED items back in storage boxes/garage/sheds – AND LOCK UP

- to avoid things getting ruined - organize & limit amount of loose dirt, chalk, etc.
- PUT SCOREBOARD CONTROLS AWAY, TURN OFF POWER

Ensure all trash is picked up! Periodically Sweep dug-outs