

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) MACHINE PITCH - "clean" box gets bundled cord, pitching machine and buckets of machine pitch balls. Rakes, drags, lime etc. in the other box.**
- 5) 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
- 6) Cover Mound/Home Plate with tarps unless they need to dry out/harden**
- AFTER A HEAVY RAIN, REMOVE TARPS ASAP IF SOFT UNDERNEATH
- 7) 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
- 8) Add baseball dirt to any holes or low areas on the field**
- 9) 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
- 10) Do Not Overuse Quick Dry agents**
- 11) Keep the kids from digging holes and destroying lips/edges!!!**
- 12) Do not use the fences as a "net" for hitting/throwing into**
- 13) Do not pitch or hit from the grass areas**
- 14) Maintain cages by pulling weeds – after rain is easiest**
- 15) Put CLEANED items back in storage boxes/garage/sheds – LOCK UP**
- to avoid things getting ruined - organize & limit amount of loose dirt, chalk, etc.

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