



Mansfield Youth Baseball Field Guide

Thank you for volunteering! This guide will assist you when opening and closing one of our diamonds. We depend on your help to maintain the Otis Street complex and as well as the satellite fields our teams use.

It is the responsibility of the **Home** coach to open and close a field for play/practice. After every game and every practice all fields should be left cleaned and in “play ready” condition for the next team. Each of our fields has a designated location where the equipment is secured. Your “S” key opens the main gate, equipment boxes, batting cages and the sheds near fields 2, 4 & 5. The last coach to leave the Otis complex is responsible for locking the front gate.

FIELD EQUIPMENT

All Sheds and Equipment Boxes should be kept closed during games and practice - this is a safety issue.

Each field is supplied with 3 bases, base plugs, 2-3 rakes and a dig out tool. A lining machine, bags of lime and the batter’s box template are located in sheds 4 & 5. Lining the fields is not a requirement to play an in town game

Equipment locations:

Field #	Location	Supplies
1&2	Shed 2	Bases/base plugs/rakes/dig out tool, tamper
3	Job Box – 3 rd base line	Bases/base plugs/rakes/dig out tool
4	Shed 4	Bases/base plugs/rakes/dig out tool
5	Job Box – 3 rd base dugout	Bases/base plugs/rakes/dig out tool
6	Job Box – 3 rd base line	Bases/base plugs/rakes/dig out tool
	Shed 4	lining machine, lime, batter’s box templates, watering hose, tamper, quick dry and hand pump
	Shed 5	lining machine, lime, batter’s box templates, watering hose, tamper, quick dry, hand pump and field gator

Raking the Fields and Clean up:

A **Critical** focus this year is that we are asking anyone who helps prep the fields to be aware there is a preferred way to rake to avoid damage to the infield. The league has spent a lot of time and resources improving the transition zone between the skin of the infield and the surrounding turf. Improper raking is the main culprit that creates lips or humps where the infield dirt meets the grass. These lips get worse over time as a result of folks raking material **into** the grass.

We are asking anyone who rakes to please rake material **away from the grass throughout the infield. This includes baselines, mound and anywhere else dirt and grass meet.**

Also, if there are infield areas that need attention to keep the kids safe such as the pitcher's mound, area around the batter's box, sliding holes near the bases we ask that you repair them. We maintain a supply of loam, sand, clay and gray stone next to our dumpsters just beyond the field 1 outfield.

The Home Coach is also responsible for making sure that both dugouts are free of garbage and the dugout garbage barrels are emptied after each and every game. Please have the kids scan the stands and field for garbage before they leave. We make every effort to empty the blue barrels in a timely manner but sometimes the volume of garbage gets overwhelming. Any help keeping our barrels from overflowing until we can get to them would be greatly appreciated. There is a large dumpster located near the entrance.

Thank you for your assistance in keeping the Otis Street Complex and the other fields in Mansfield in the best possible condition.

Regards,

Mansfield Youth Baseball Board of Directors