

Arden Little League

WET FIELD CONDITIONS PREPARATIONS

How to deal with Wet Field Conditions while preparing the fields for play:
Please remember that the safety of the players is our first concern.

1. If it has been raining, please get to the field early to prepare. Raking the fields will turn the infield mix and help it to dry out. Do this first before applying ANY drying agent. If there is standing water, use the "Puddle Pillows" to remove water (located in the equipment room). DO NOT sweep water off onto the grass.

** Sweeping the water makes the hole deeper--a bigger hole next time.
2. If there are moist areas (around home plate and mound) use the "Puddle Pillows" to absorb the water and remove.
3. Next check around bases. These areas should be playable simply by raking the area and using the "Puddle Pillows" to remove excess water. Work the area lightly with a rake to help it dry out faster.
4. If the above steps do not prepare the field surface for play, the game should be called off.
5. Puddle Pillows are re-useable and expensive. Soak up water and then wring-out into turf away from playing area. These absorb about one gallon each. There are eight (8) for use. Please share and return clean to equipment shed so the next team can use them when needed.
6. If rain and standing water are an issue for a game, BOTH teams are required to prepare the field for play. Both teams are also responsible to work the field after the game to prepare it for the next game/day. There are no exceptions for this policy. ALL damage incurred from a game must be repaired before the next scheduled game. Again, BOTH teams are responsible.
7. If Arden Little League determines a game is not playable, the game will be rescheduled for the first Sunday that follows.
8. Dress the infield with a drag mat before game time to do the final prep.

Please note that these procedures do not always make the infield playable. Too much water is just that—too much.