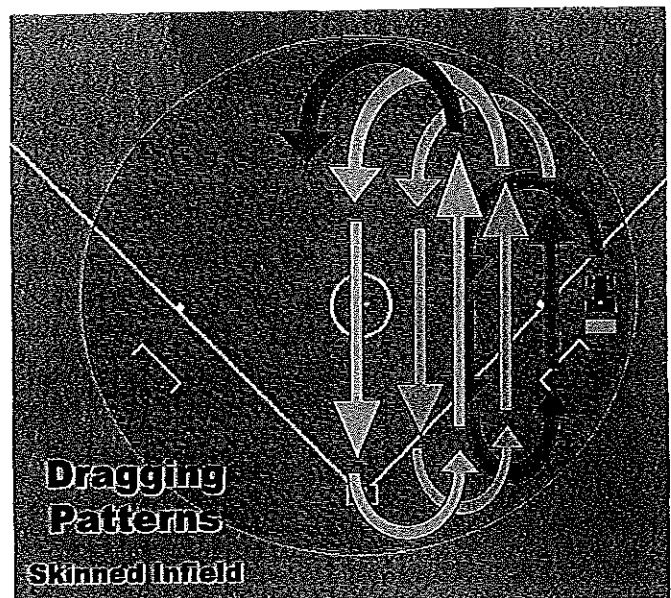
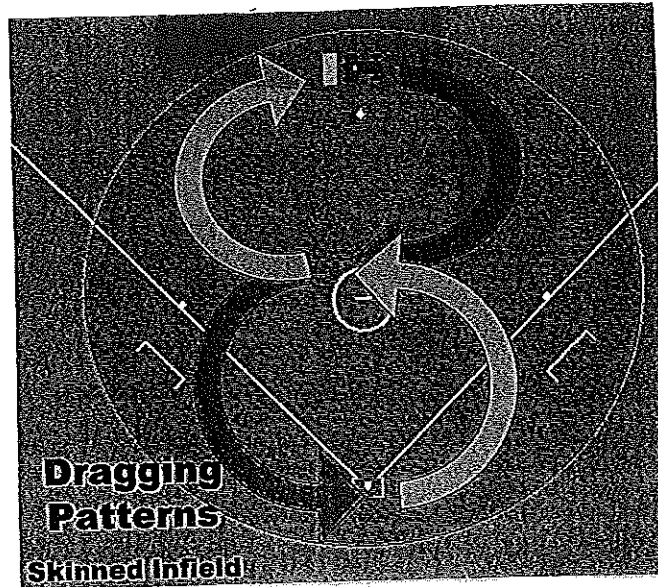


# FIELD MAINTENANCE

## Dragging

- When dragging the fields make sure to work in a circular pattern. Start on the outside of the infield and work your way towards the pitcher's plate. **NEVER start in the middle and work your way out!** This pulls dirt from the "crown" of the infield to outer portions causing improper drainage. There are a couple of other useful dragging patterns shown below.
- Make sure to leave at least 2 feet between the drag mat and the grass outfield.
- Go slow when cornering. This is not a race!
- Use your mat drag to fill low spots and cut down on high spots.
- Rotate your starting and stopping points and NEVER drag all the way off the field!! You should stop well enough to keep the dirt on the field.





### Tilling (Nail Dragging)

- Only till the fields if you absolutely need to. Improper tilling brings up too much dirt to the surface making excess dust, therefore more dirt needs to be added annually = \$Expensive\$ to maintain.
- Only till deep enough to remove cleat marks and bumps.
- Tilling is most effective when infield soils are moist.
- To avoid nail drag chatter, slow ground speed and balance equipment.
- Use a hand nail drag or rake in tight areas.