



Saco Little League Field Maintenance Guidelines

1. ***Golden Rule:*** Leave the field in the condition you would want it in at the beginning of your next game.
2. Every team will have field maintenance responsibilities at every practice or game. These responsibilities are necessary to keep our facilities in the best possible condition.
3. At all times discourage players from digging in the infield dirt and outfield grass.
4. Do not allow your players to walk across the tarps with their cleats.
5. There are trash and recycling bins around the facilities. Please use them accordingly and encourage your players and teams to do so as well.

GAME DAY

Pregame

Home Team

- If your game is the first or only game of the day, remove the tarps from home plate and the pitcher's mound. Place them inside the fenced area by the dugout. Place weights and/or stakes near the tarp in a manner safe for the players.
- Water the infield if necessary. Use the hose to wet the base paths, home plate area and infield dirt. Watering keeps the dust down.
- Line the field. There is a batter's box template at each field that is used to outline the two boxes, paint the boxes first. Next line the base paths. This line starts on the outside edge of the batter's box. Run the string from the back tip of home plate down the baseline and just touching the outside edge of the base. Paint the foul line on the inside of this string (not on the string). The painted line should go "over" the bag and continue. Note: The foul line is actually fair.

Away Team

- Provides an announcer and scoreboard operator. The person handling these responsibilities should make themselves familiar with the announcing and scoreboard equipment before the game begins. The National Anthem and Little League Pledge are played before the game.

Postgame

Home and Away Team

- Each team should make sure their respective dugouts are cleaned. Trash and recyclables are picked up and placed in the appropriate containers. Each dugout should have a broom and dust pan. Please sweep each dugout.
- Use a push broom and sweep any infield material that may have been pushed into the grass areas back into the infield areas. This helps eliminate lips and keeps the grass growing well.

Home Team

- Record Pitching Log (Major/Minor Managers)
- Rake or drag the field. There is a right way and wrong way to rake. Always rake and drag parallel to any grass surface if within a few feet of it. If the infield material is raked toward the grass it creates large lips. Raking into the grass can also damage and even kill the grass. Low spots usually form just after 1st base, and just before 2nd base and 3rd base. Try to rake material back into these locations.
- If you are playing the only or last game of the day, place the tarps back over the mound and the plate areas. Secure them with the weights or stakes. Make sure all the doors, gates, etc are locked when you are the last person to leave the complex.