

MARKHAM FIELDS PRE-GAME PREP CHECKLIST

Mount Sylvania Little League

Comments

- There are many tasks which need to be completed to ensure a safe and quality field is prepared for the kids.
- Please plan to arrive at least one hour prior to start time during weekdays and 1-1/2 hours on Saturdays.
- Multiple people are needed for field preparation on Saturday mornings for things such as putting up the Majors outfield fence, emptying trash, raking rocks, etc.
- DO NOT drive the drags onto the grass, no exceptions!
- DO NOT attempt to mow the Majors infield with the Riding Mower, this will create ruts and kill the turf.
- When Raking along grass edges, NEVER rake towards / away from the grass edge. ALWAYS rake PARALLEL to the edge. This will help avoid the buildup of any dirt in the grass creating a lip.
- When dragging the fields, always keep the fence drag about 1 to 2 feet away from the grass edge. Finish the edge with rakes. This again will help to reduce the chance for buildup of a lip at the grass edge.
- The HOME team of 1st game on a field needs to ensure the following items are completed prior to their game.

Step by Step Field prep

- _ ANY TEAM PLAYING ON MAJORS FIELD. INSTALL OUTFIELD FENCE - SEE MARKINGS SO THE PROPER SECTION OF FENCE IS PUT UP IN THE PROPER AREA. This is best done with at least 2 people. Lay fencing on ground, assist eachother in putting poles in anchors, this will put less stress on fencing.
- _ On the playing surfaces of the infield - Remove any standing water by digging a small hole, use small cup or bucket to discard outside playing field.
- _ Nail Drag field using mower. Use circular motion beginning around the mound working outward (fields 2 & 3).
- _ Fence drag field using mower. Use circular motion beginning around the mound working outward (fields 2 & 3).
- _ NOTE: For previous two points, DO NOT have bases in, do not drag over pitching rubber or home plate!!!!!!
- _ Install bases by removing black anchor plugs, set aside, as you will need to replace these at the end of the day.
- _ Use anchor clean out tool to remove any dirt inside anchor to allow base to sit flush to the ground.
- _ Rake out any rough or high spots using field rake.
- _ Rake any loose rocks into piles and remove from playing surface.
- _ Tamp pitchers mound (infront of rubber) and batters boxes to compact dirt. Best done after Saturdays last game, can sit and dry hard.
- _ Run Chalk string from the point of Home Plate past the outside edge of 1st and 3rd base (must do one at a time)
- _ Obtain Chalk Machine from Majors supply bin, fill with chalk, chalk base lines.

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- _ Batters box - Use Feathers (markers in the dirt at corners of boxes) to determine chalk line for batters boxes
- _ If needed, chalk foul line in outfield grass as well as out of bounds line which extends from end of fence line.
- _ Sweep dugouts clean if needed
- _ Return all tools to original location so they can be found after the game as well as for pre-game prep for the next game.
- _ PLAY BALL !!!