

## Attention Coaches and Parents - Field Maintenance

When in doubt, refer to: **Rule #1 = Leave the field looking better than when you arrived!**

### In-house coaches (skin infields):

- **Rule #1 = Leave the field looking better than when you arrived!**
- Rule #2: Fill in the holes (a foot rake works if a rake is not available!) in the batters' boxes and where the pitcher's foot lands – make them level - in case it rains before the city drags the field the next day . . .
- Rule #3: Pick up all garbage around your field/area (good job for the kids!)
- Rule #4: Return all equipment (mounds/bases) to storage bin/shed – be sure they're locked!
- Rule #5: Refer to **Rule #1!**

### Fields with clay mounds/batters' boxes, tarps, and ag-lime base paths need extra attention! You cannot simply throw the tarps back on and leave. . .

- **Rule #1 = Leave the field looking better than when you arrived!**
- Rule #2 = Rake and pack the clay back in the batters' box holes and pitchers' mound (bullpens too!) - add clay when needed – never add ag-lime to mounds or home plate areas – then rake in a circular motion from the center out leaving a nice, smooth circle (drag the rake behind you as you walk in a circle working from the center of the circle out). If water is available, please gently water the circle areas and tarp them. If water is not available, we have to be creative . There should be water at Jackson, Riverview, SJHS, and both SHS Fields this summer. Middle School is questionable but we did get them to run a hose down from the school last summer. Water should be used on the mound and home plate areas before and after games! Diamond dry can be added to mound and home plate areas only – not the infield = use dry ag-lime on the field, as needed. There are bins with ag-lime and clay at all of these fields – use it!
- Rule #3: Pick up all garbage around your field/area (good job for the kids!)
- Rule #4: Return all equipment (bases/rakes/chalkers, etc) to storage bin/shed at the field– be sure it's locked!
- Rule #5: Rake the baselines (Riverview, Jackson, SJHS, and both SHS Fields) – do NOT pull the ag-lime to the edges = that creates a lip . . . smooth it all out to the middle – use a broom (or foot broom) to push the ag-lime off the grass lip around the infield and back into the field of play as needed
- Rule #6: Refer to **Rule #1!**

The players need to be TAUGHT to take pride in taking care of THEIR fields. The city will mow their fields and the school will mow theirs. The city drags all the fields . . . otherwise, it's up to us to MAINTAIN these fields and **leave the fields looking better than when we arrived!** If everybody does this, we'll have no concerns at OUR fields. Problems with field conditions should be reported to an SYBA Board member immediately.