

2010 East Fullerton Little League Field Maintenance Schedule

Special Note: When hosting an interleague game, the EFLL team has both Home Team and Visiting Team responsibilities

Important Tips for a Good Field Set-up:

- **Infield Dirt Areas** - For the most playable and safest infield, mound and batting areas, keeping the dirt moist is key. We've all been on the infields when they are dry - they get rock hard and dusty. Getting the dirt wet gets rid of the dust, helps settle the dirt into holes, provides better footing for cleats, keeps the dirt from moving into the grass and gives infielders truer hops (that stay down a bit more). Unless it has rained hard recently or you expect rain during the game, don't be afraid to get the infield pretty wet. As long as you wet it 20-30 minutes before the game, it will absorb and make for a much better game.
- **Line Painting** - Some people struggle with painting baselines and the batters boxes. If you follow the suggestions for wetting the infield, you should have a good surface for painting. Always shake the paint well before inserting in the machine. After marking the locations for the lines (batters box template, string lines or following old lines), place the paint in the machine and test the spray pattern. The nozzle creates a fan spray that allows the width of the line to be adjusted by simply rotating the can. Use the widest line possible to help the umpires with visibility. It's easiest to use a string line if you want the foul lines straight, but some people are pretty good at eyeballing it.
- **Pitchers Mounds** - The Pitchers mounds can be a bit tricky. You can't get them real wet all at once because the water will tend to run off. It's best to sprinkle the mound with water 2 or 3 times while you're watering the rest of the infield. About 10 minutes after the last watering, the top layers should be easy to rake allowing you to smooth the mound and pack in any holes. A hard mound and/or one with holes is really tough on the pitchers, causing them to slide or be off balance with their landing foot.
- **Grass Edges** - One of the biggest problems we have is the dirt migrating into the grass. Please don't rake, broom or drag dirt into the grass. The buildup causes bad hops and raised edges in the turf. Rake up and down the baselines, not across and be careful around the infield edges.

Major (Field #1)/AAA Field (Field #2)

Home team (responsible for pre-game set-up):

- Step 1: Drag/broom the infield, lines, hitting-catchers area & pitchers mound.
- Step 2: Wet down all infield areas.
- Step 3: Fill in all holes & stamp down loose areas. Pay attention to mound & hitting area.
- Step 4: Install bases. See instructions at Snack Shack storage area to be sure they are installed correctly.
- Step 5: Paint baselines and batters boxes.

All of this should be completed 15 minutes before game time. Return all equipment to the storage area neatly.

Visiting team (post-game responsibility)

Follow Steps 1-3, returning bases and all other equipment to the storage areas (neatly) and lock up dugouts and shed (Field 1) after the last game of the day. If available, place the base plugs in the imbedded posts. **BE SURE TO LOCK THE DUGOUTS ON BOTH FIELDS.**

Saturday Games (additional duties and slight variations):

- Between games, pre-game and post-game responsibilities are generally shared between the two transitioning teams.
- First Game Visiting Team Field 1: Pre-game responsibility for putting up all sponsor banners (found in shed) and raise flag.
- Last Game Home Team Field 1: Post-game responsibility for taking down and neatly storing all sponsor banners and taking down and storing flag.

AA (Field #3)/T-Ball Field (Field #4)

Home team (responsible for pre-game set-up):

- Step 1: Rake the infield cut-out areas, hitting-catchers area & pitchers mound.
- Step 2: Wet down all infield areas (Field 3 only).
- Step 3: Fill in all holes & tamp down loose areas using back of rake or your foot. Pay attention to mound & hitting area.
- Step 4: Install bases (Field 4 bases in storage shed). See instructions at Snack Shack storage area to be sure they are installed correctly.
- Step 5: Paint baselines and batters boxes.

All of this should be completed 15 minutes before game time. Return all equipment to the storage area neatly.

Visiting team (post-game responsibility)

Follow Steps 1-3, returning bases and all other equipment to the storage areas (neatly) and lock up dugouts after last game. Field 4 bases and line painter are stored in the snack shack storage shed. If available, place the base plugs in the imbedded posts.

ALL TEAMS POLICE THE DUGOUTS & FIELD!!!!