

LPR FIELD MAINTENANCE TIPS

All help is appreciated. Please try to follow a few guidelines to help keep the park in nice, safe playing conditions. Everyday there is a process we go by to get the fields in shape and ready for game time.

- After each game or practice it's very helpful if you can pull dirt back in any hole and lightly tamp with your rake. Dirt gets pushed around causing deep holes around the pitching area, bases, and home plate.
- Do NOT chalk Field A baselines. Paint all grass areas and chalk all dirt areas. Everyday check to see if outfield is painted.
- Groom at walking speed. Going Fast causes uneven playing area and the dust causes lip buildup.
- When grooming, only use the spikes when needed. Spiking too much or too deep causes loose footing.
- Never groom a muddy field and never pull dirt or mud from dirt area onto grass area. Any dirt you see on grass area can be lightly raked or broomed back to dirt.
- Rake all baselines up and down. Side to side causes dirt to be pushed to the sides causing lip buildup.
- Rake home plate areas pulling dirt back to any holes made that night. Most of the home plate areas are too big. Try not to groom or rake to the edge. We need to get them all to a diameter of 18 inches. Best thing to do is stand on the plate and however far your rake goes out, that's how far you should be raking.
- Make sure circles are around the girls mounds.
- Never chalk or paint a line without pulling a string; this causes too many wavy lines.
- Chalk is the last thing to be done when preparing a field for games. If the field doesn't look ready, don't chalk. Wait till everything is complete.