

Lamar Field Maintenance

Update from Field Maintenance:

We just completed the repairs of all water valves and the brass connector (called a stinger) with a 90 degree swivel that attaches the hoses behind the pitching mounds on Fields 1, 2, 3, 4, and 7 and they are leak free! The reason for needing these repairs was mainly due to the stinger on the hose being dragged across the sidewalks. There are hoses on every field so please don't move them to other fields. In addition, there are short hoses (light weight) that attach to the valve with the same type of stinger that can be used to apply water to the pitching mound when there may not be enough time or need to water the entire infield. These hoses can be found in the equipment shed and should be returned after each use.

Please follow the following guidelines for maintaining the fields:

1. Infields should be watered prior to every game.
2. After games played Monday through Thursday please rake all infield dirt out of the grass to prevent lips from building. Heavily water (15-20 minutes) the entire infield, pitchers mound and home plate areas. There is no need to rake / drag the entire infield. The fields will be dragged, edged and painted by our landscaping service for all games Monday through Friday.
3. After each game, please fill and pack all holes on the pitchers mound (bull pen included) and home plate area with clay. The clay will be stored in the equipment shed and can easily be carried to the field in the provided bucket.
4. All teams playing on Friday nights will be required to prepare their field after their game for the Saturday morning games. This includes dragging (with the long 4ft brooms) and painting the batters box and baselines on the dirt. Keep in mind that the field painting carts work best if the ground has been watered so please paint after watering. (This will save money.)
5. All teams playing on Saturday must following the guidelines in item 4. The only exception to this will be the last game on Saturday and they should follow the guideline in item 2.
6. All bases and pitching machines should be returned back to the equipment sheds after the last game of the day.
7. If the trap rake is used to drag any field please use care along the edges of the grass to prevent lips from building. The wide brooms work great and take less time and will prevent lips from building so we would prefer if they were used.
8. Return all rakes and bases to the equipment shed and do not store them on top of the dugouts due to safety reasons.
9. Remove all trash from the dugouts and stands after each game. This will enable our grounds keeper to spend more time maintaining the fields and improving our facility.

Additional Information:

1. Any teams using the fields for practice (typically on Sunday) are required to follow the same guidelines listed above.
2. There may be times where the fields are prepared early in the day Monday through Friday so please refrain from using the infields for practicing prior to any scheduled game.
3. L-Screens in batting cages should never be removed. L-Screens have been purchased to alleviate this problem and can be found on are near every field. Please notify the VP of Field Maintenance if any L-Screen needs repair.
4. After heavy rains the fields that use pitching machines and the new scoreboard controllers may find a loss of power due to tripping of the ground fault receptacles. Please try resetting the restore power.

Scoreboard Controllers:

We now have 6 new scoreboards and controllers and they appear to working well. The controllers for all fields are now located in the concession stand along with the pitch count pads and scorebooks. Please return them back to the concession stand after the end of the last game of the day. Keep in mind that all controllers are numbered for specific fields because 3 have pitch counters and 3 have timers. If problems are encountered please report them to the Board Member on duty after carefully following the instructions that are laminated on each controller.

Last, thanks for all the help and please feel free to report any facility or missed field preparation duties to Bill Loyd VP of Field Maintenance at FieldMaint@lamarlittleleague.com.