



FIELD MAINTENANCE PROCEDURES

- Fields shall be inspected by the managers and/or coaches before the start of a practice or game, and any safety concerns satisfactorily addressed before playing on the field.
- At the conclusion of all practices and games, the infield clay, including the pitcher's mound, home plate area, and base paths shall be raked and/or dragged with a steel drag mat. **CLAY SHALL NOT BE RAKED INTO THE GRASS, AS THIS CREATES BERMS.** Rake the clay along the base paths so there are no low spots across the width of each base path, and material does not build up at the grass interface.
- All magnetic bases, rakes, shovels, brooms, chalkers/liners and all other equipment shall be placed in the shed at the field at the end of the evening or last practice/game of the day, and the shed locked.
- Tarps shall be placed on the pitcher's mound and home plate area at the end of the evening or last practice/game of the day at each field (Carl Thomas #1 and #2, & Grogan's) that has this equipment. Tarps shall be installed such that the adjacent grass is not covered and there is no interference with the irrigation system.
- All safety concerns shall be reported to the Safety Officer and/or Fields Coordinator.
- On days where rain has fallen, or standing water exists in the clay infield, the following steps shall be taken.
 1. Tarps shall be removed from the pitcher's mound and home plate areas by folding the tarp over on itself and removing it. Other removal methods may be utilized, but the goal is to limit the amount of water that drains on the clay.
 2. **Standing water in the clay shall be raked out or broom swept. WATER AND CLAY SHALL NOT BE RAKED OR SWEEPED INTO THE GRASS.**
 3. 50 LB bags of TURFACE GAME SAVER will be available at most fields and will be stored in the shed at the field. Game Saver is used as moisture control to absorb water, and shall be dumped and raked into muddy, torn-up portions of the infield clay to improve footing and allow competition to continue through wet playing conditions. Turface does not break down and works over and over to keep the field playable after rain.
 4. **TURFACE GAME SAVER SHALL BE USED SPARINGLY DUE TO THE COST (OVER \$14/BAG). ONLY USE AS MUCH PRODUCT AS NECESSARY. DO NOT DUMP OUT ALL THE PRODUCT FOR THE SAKE OF USING THE ENTIRE BAG. THIS PRODUCT IS NOT TO BE SPREAD INTO LARGE AMOUNTS OF STANDING WATER.**
 5. **FIELD MAINTENANCE IS THE RESPONSIBILITY OF ALL MANAGERS, COACHES, AND PLAYERS. MAKE THIS PART OF YOUR TEAM'S DAILY ROUTINE.**