

VPYB

Field Maintenance
Program

For games the away team must:

Remove the bases and use the dig out tool to install the blue tasseled plugs. Plugs must be down an inch below the base peg metal tube otherwise, our tractor drags will destroy them.

If any coach has trouble with this you must reach out to Jamie Soderstrom or Rocco Caifano. Repeated negligence will result in a fine for new base plugs.

Bases and all tools must be returned to the gangbox and the gangbox must be locked.

Fields must be hand dragged after games. Hand drags and all brooms and rakes must be locked to the fence.

For games the home team must:

- Hand drag the field.
- Put out the bases by removing the square base plug and using the dig out tool to remove the dirt.
- Chalk the batter's box and foul lines.
- Install the mound rubber if needed.

GAMES & PRACTICES

For practices teams must:

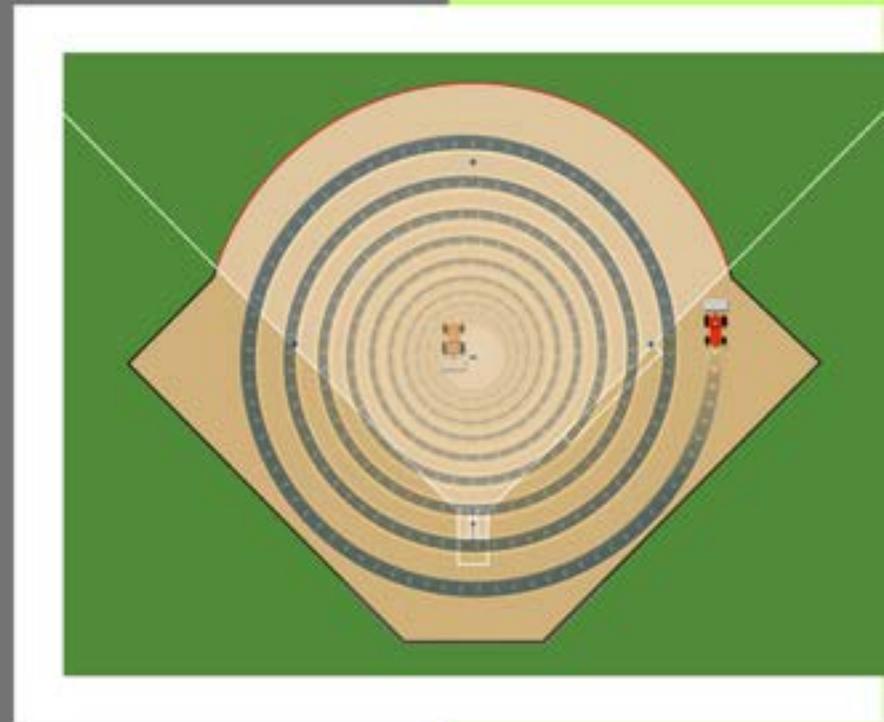
- Put out the bases by removing the square base plug and using the dig out tool to remove the dirt.
- Bases and all tools must be returned to the gangbox and the gangbox must be locked.
- Hand drag the field.

STEPS FOR FIELD SET-UP

First hand drag the field.

Drags are locked up at the backstop. Start at home plate and hand drag in a circle rotation, around the whole field from the outermost of the infield progressing into the mound.

This makes sure that all the field material is brought to the center. This makes it higher at the center of the field allowing for the rain to run off the sides of the field.



PUT OUT THE BASES

REMOVE THE SQUARE BASE PLUG AND USING THE DIG OUT TOOL TO REMOVE THE DIRT. BASES AND DIG OUT TOOL ARE IN THE GANGBOX.



BROWN HANDLE DIG OUT TOOL. BLACK BASE PLUG WITH BLUE BRISTLES

MAKE SURE TO DIG OUT MOST OF THE DIRT

Plugs & bases will not go in correctly with too much dirt inside.



PLUG MUST BE INSERTED BELOW TUBE

They can be pushed all the way down; aim for a ¼ " down

This ensures the spike drags will not tear them out and we lose this peg tube in the dirt.

Games will take longer to set-up. We will have to get the metal detector to find the base plug

REMOVE OLD CHALK FROM THE 3-WHEEL CHALKER

REMOVE CHALK INTO THE CHALK
BUCKET.
CLEAN OFF THE BRISTOLS INSIDE
THE 3-WHEEL CHALK



YOU CAN REMOVE THE WHITE PLASTIC COVER
ON THE BOTTOM OF THE 3-WHEEL CHALKER TO EXPOSE
THE SLOTS WHERE THE CHALK COMES OUT.



USE A MOUND STAKE TO CLEAR OUT THE SLOTS.
RETURN THE PLASTIC COVER AND ROTATE THE WHEELS. CHECK THE BRISTLES AND CLEAN IF NEEDED.
NOW ADD CHALK.

THE BATTER'S BOX

MAKE SURE TO PUT THE INDICATOR ARM IN THE OFF POSITION BEFORE MOVING THE 3-WHEEL CHALKER.

USE THE 3-WHEEL CHALKER TO FOLLOW THE LINES MADE BY THE TEMPLATE TO CHALK THE BATTER'S BOX.

PLACE THE BATTER'S BOX TEMPLATE WITH THE HANDLE LINED UP WITH THE SIDE OF HOME PLATE. MAKE SURE THE MOUND ARROW IS FACING THE MOUND. STEP ON THE TEMPLATE TO MAKE SURE IT HAS MARKED THE FIELD WELL. NOW ROTATE THE TEMPLATE TO THE OTHERSIDE OF THE PLATE AND REPEAT THE PROCESS.





USE THE ORANGE STRING WINDER W/STAKE TO MARK THE FOUL LINES.

HAMMER THE STAKE IN THE FIELD NEXT TO THE BOTTOM CENTER OF HOME PLATE.



RUN THE STRING OUT PAST FIRST BASE INTO THE OUTFIELD ABOUT 30 FEET OR MORE.

USE THE SIDE OF FIRST BASE AS REFERENCE AND MARK YOUR SPOT WITH ANOTHER MOUND STAKE.





WITH THE STAKE INTO THE GROUND, TIE THE FIDDLE STRING KNOT AROUND THE STAKE TO SECURE THE LINE.

JUST MAKE A LOOP AND TWIST IT 4-5 TIMES. PUT THE LOOP ON THE STAKE AND WITH HOLDING BOTH ENDS OF THE STRING YOU CAN PULL YOUR STRING AS TIGHT AS YOU WANT.

YOU WANT THE STRING JUST TOUCHING THE SIDE OF THE BASE. YOU MAY HAVE TO ADJUST YOUR STAKE UNTIL YOU GET IT CLOSE. HAMMER THE STAKE WITH THE FIDDLE KNOT AROUND IT INTO THE GROUND.

CHALKING THE FOUL LINES

Pull out first base and use the 3-wheel chalker starting at the first base corner of the batter's box to the outfield to chalk the first base foul line.

We want to mark the inside of the line closer to the mound or first base.

Once again, move the handle from off to 4" to start the 3-wheel chalker. When you reach the outfield grass, move the handle to the off position and pull the chain to spray the paint.

We want to mark the rest of the foul line with paint.

After reaching the end of the string, pull the string and stake out of the ground. While pulling the string tight, walk it over to the third base side outfield side.

Retighten the string from home to third base outfield and hammer the string and stake into the ground.

We will now repeat the process for chalking on the third base side.

INSTALL THE PITCHING MOUND

Put both first and third bases back in place using dugout tool.

Install your mound rubber. Reference your age group division for pitching distance.

Use a stake in the ground at the bottom center of home plate. Hook the tape measure to the stake and stretch it out until you reach your desired length.

Mound should be place at the center of that distance even with second base and home plate. Use two stakes to secure the mound rubber.