



Field Maintenance for ALL MBSC teams:

The use of our fields is not a right, it is a privilege. We have some of the best fields in Dane County and we want to keep them that way for you and all the people who use the fields after you. Middleton has a tradition of our players and coaches taking pride in and being responsible for care of the fields they play on from tee ball through high school.

Practice

1. Batting practice will be done from the home plate area only, not from the grass or against sideline fences or backstops.
2. Use mats at home plate and pitcher's mound where available. (No exceptions)
3. No soft toss is allowed against any fence unless you are using plastic type, wiffle balls. This includes visiting teams. Soft toss should only be done on the outside of fence as not to wear the grass out on the field.
4. Do not warm up on the infield or any foul lines. Warm up in the outfield.
5. For batting practice (large fields: Adler, High School, Bakken-Sorenson) use portable mounds.
6. If standing water is present on fields do not sweep or rake onto the grass area.
7. If fields are lined good chance a game is scheduled. Do not practice on a lined field until confirming there is no game later.
8. After opening gates and boxes, please lock the padlock either on door or fence, so they are not 'lost' later. End of practice, please remember to lock gates and boxes.

Field Maintenance Duties (after practice and games)

1. Make sure all scoreboard controllers are turned off along with all lights. Scoreboard controllers are located in the stairwell to the press box in concession building.
2. Put bases away and put base pegs in the base holes.
3. Fill in holes at home, 1st, 2nd, 3rd and pitching rubber. Level with the back side of the rake.
4. Rake mound and home plate area toward the plate and pitching rubber, not towards the grass. This will prevent lip build up.
5. Rake baselines lengthwise from home towards 1st and 3rd.
6. Full size fields - always tarp the mound and home plate. Pound stakes down completely, if not the wind lifts the tarps and water runs under.
8. Sweep out dugouts, place waste materials and dirt in trash cans, do not sweep onto the warning tracks
9. Pick up all trash in and around each field and bleachers.
10. After opening gates and boxes, please lock the padlock either on door or fence, so they are not 'lost' later.
11. End of games, please remember to lock gates and boxes.
12. Check that no problems exist in bathrooms and are locked.
13. Leave fields in better condition than you found them. Take pride and ownership in your fields. They are some of the best around and we want to keep it that way.
14. If you arrive at fields that are not maintained, inform your league director or any MBSC member. Escheduling should allow offenders to be identified. MBSC will not tolerate disregard for maintenance.