

2015 NYBA Coach and Player field maintenance expectations

At the Northfield Youth Baseball Association (NYBA) we will be trying to make sure the fields are ready to play each time you have a game scheduled. We will be reviewing and re-organizing the duties of our Field Supervisor position to try to maintain the fields and facilities at Sechler Park in as good a condition as possible. You and your players will have some responsibilities when it comes to achieving these goals. By showing the proper respect for the facilities provided for you, we can all enjoy the complex, as it was intended to be used, for many years to come.

When you arrive for your scheduled game, the field should be ready for play. The tarps will be removed and stored outside the dugouts, the fields will be groomed (early game only), plate and mound areas raked, and the baselines will be raked and chalked. All of this will be done for you before you get there unless there is a problem with the weather. Should you arrive and these things have not been done, because of weather or other reasons, we ask that you assist the Field Supervisor in making the field ready for play.

The following are tasks that **YOU are expected to do each time you use the fields!**

If there is a game scheduled after your game:

At the conclusion of your game, the home team will rake the plate and mound areas. Always rake the mound drawing the dirt from the bottom toward the top. Around the plate, always draw the dirt from the perimeter towards the plate. **NEVER** rake plate dirt on or towards the grass! Rake the baselines: **Always rake parallel to the base path, never across!**

We also suggest, if time permits, to rake around each base to smooth up these areas for the next game. You are also expected to have your kids pick up all the trash in the dugouts at the conclusion of each game (both teams). Please note the new **RECYCLE** bins placed by Park & Rec. Have the kids place their refuse in the appropriate container.

If your game is the last game scheduled:

At the conclusion of your game, the home team will rake the plate and mound areas. Always rake the mound drawing the dirt from the bottom toward the top. Around the plate, always draw the dirt from the perimeter towards the plate. **NEVER** rake plate dirt on or towards the grass! Place the tarps back onto the field. Don't forget to have the kids pick up the trash in the dugouts. Please note the new **RECYCLE** bins for use as noted above.

Rain: If it should start to rain during a game, **BOTH TEAMS** will bring the tarps back into position until the umpire decides if the game will continue. If the game is called, make sure the tarps are down and clean the dugouts before you leave the field. If standing water is a problem on the field before the resumption of a game, contact the Field Supervisor for assistance. **Please: NEVER attempt to move or remove water on the infield unless directed by the field supervisor!** This usually makes field conditions worse.

Also a reminder: **No soft toss into fencing allowed, NO EXCEPTIONS!!!!**

If everyone does their tasks, we all will enjoy a baseball complex that we can be proud of for the entire season. Any questions regarding these guidelines, please contact Mike Glampe at 651-335-7510.

Thanks and enjoy the season!