

## **MYS Field Maintenance Guide**

These items must be done before and after each practice and game:

WATER ALL DIRT AREAS PRIOR TO DRAGGING, GROOMING, RAKING, OR FILLING AREAS

ALWAYS USE A MAT WHEN USING THE TAMP. NOT USING A MAT CAUSES MORE DAMAGE

### **Dragging the Field:**

1. Sweep the diamond dust off the grass around the infield with a push broom
2. Remove bases, insert plugs before dragging
3. Pull dirt from high areas around the bases to the high traffic area in the base lines
4. Run the drag mat around the perimeter of the field staying 1 foot away from edge
5. DO NOT HIT WALLS, BACK STOP PADDING OR NETTING WITH DRAG
6. DO NOT RUN THE DRAG MAT ON THE GRASS

### **Groom the Pitching Area:**

1. Remove pitching rubbers and place plugs
2. Pull all loose dirt out of the holes and gently wet the mound
3. Use the field rakes to pull the loose dirt/clay from the front of the pitching area to fill in the holes.
4. Use the tamp and mat to pack in the damp loose dirt in the holes near the rubber and landing
5. Lightly water and cover with tarp

### **Groom Home Plate:**

1. Rake Home plate area from catcher's box towards the mound. We want a slope towards the back stop
2. Fill the holes in the catcher's box and batter's box with the loose dirt and use the tamp and mat to pack in the loose dirt in the holes
3. Lightly water and cover with tarp

### **Repairing Wet Spots**

1. DO NOT DRAG WET INFIELD DIRT. Just score the dirt with small rakes and let the air dry the field.
2. DO NOT SWEEP WATER from the infield onto the grass. IT WILL KILL THE GRASS
3. For severe puddling contact your division director to work with field maintenance

### **Dugouts**

1. Throw all trash and litter in trash cans
2. Sweep out dugouts
3. Put away all equipment and lock dugout lockers