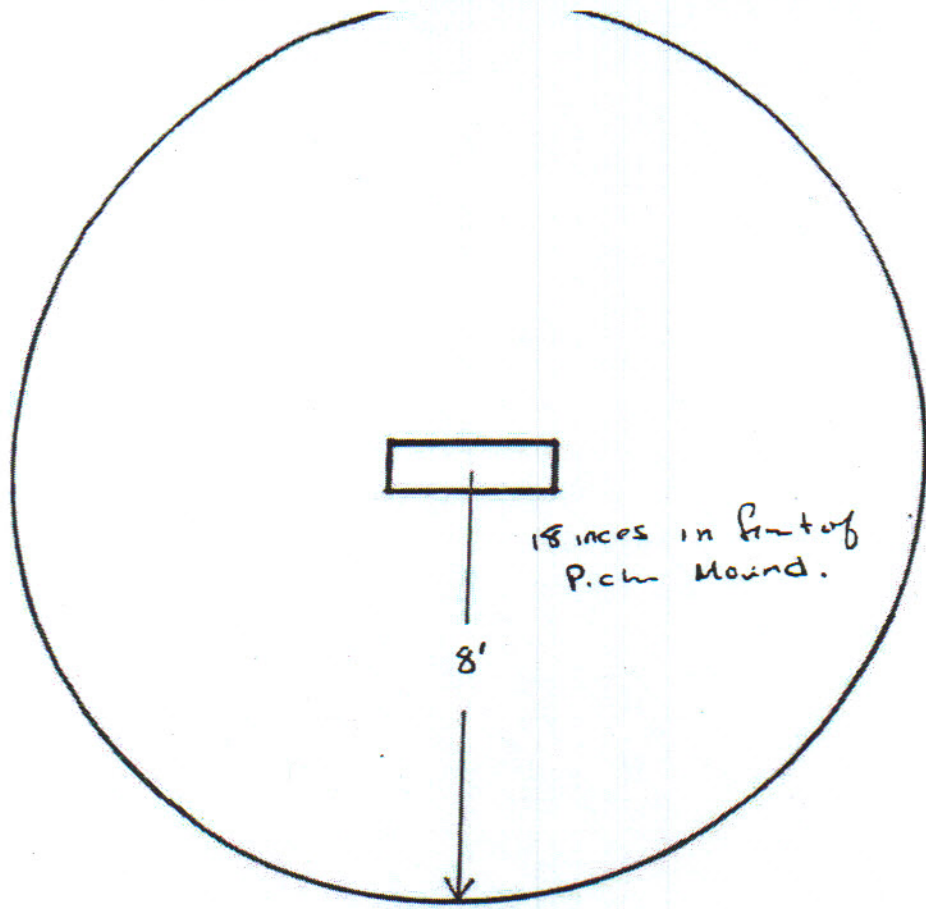


How to Prepare the Softball Field for Games

1. Drag or rake the field to smooth out rough areas and wet spots. If turfus® is available, use sparingly—A LITTLE GOES A LONG WAY.
2. Assemble Tools and Materials
 - a. Line marker filled with chalking dust (Minimize chalk waste by getting help to fill the line marker).
 - b. String, 2 spikes, hammer
 - c. Tape measure
 - d. 3 bases for installation in base anchors.
 - e. Batter's box template, if available
3. Install bases in base anchors and make certain bases breakaway easily.
 - a. Keep track of anchor plugs for replacement after the game.
4. Put down the baselines
 - a. Pound a spike into the ground directly behind the back point of home plate and attach one end of the string.
 - b. Take the other end of the string out about 100 feet into the grass down the baseline, wrap it around a spike, draw it taught, line it up with the outside edge of the base, and pound the spike into the ground.
 - c. Use the line marker to lay a foul line of chalk on the inside of the string.
 - d. Repeat for the other baseline.
5. Install the batter's boxes
 - a. If available, position the template with the nub touching the front corner of home plate.
 - b. Trace the outline of the template in the dirt with a spike or a stick.
 - c. Lift the template and lay a line of chalk in the inside of the outline.
 - d. Repeat on the other side.
6. Install a Pitcher's circle—for both 35 and 40 feet.
 - a. One person holds the end of the tape measure on the center of the pitching rubber while the other holds a spike 8 feet on the tape and marks a circle around the rubber.
 - b. Lay a line of chalk over the marked circle.
7. For T-ball and Minors, put a hash mark halfway between first and second base, and second and third base.
8. Replace all equipment in storage box.
 - a. Please keep inside of storage box clean.
 - b. Please minimize chalk and turfus® waste.
 - c. Please lock storage box after bases are put back at the end of the game.

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