

## **Ball Diamond Maintenance – DO’S and DON’TS**

- To prevent lips from forming, insure that all infield mix has been raked out of and away from all grass edges prior to dragging fields: baselines, home plate, pitching mound, infield perimeter and coaches boxes.
- Prior to dragging, bases are to be removed and inspected, and all holes around the bases and pitching area are to be filled and tamped.
- Fill all holes and low areas completely to insure safe playing conditions and to eliminate areas where water can collect, which creates muddy conditions.
- Trim around bleachers, player’s benches, trash cans, goals and fences each time the fields are mowed.
- Do not shovel, scoop, rake or sweep water, mix or topsoil into grass areas.
- Do not remove mix or topsoil from wet areas.
- Do not bring foreign material onto fields to fill wet areas or low spots.
- Do not use any field when such use will cause damage to the field or risk personal injury.
- Do not hit or pitch balls into fences.
- To limit damage, do not practice hitting or pitching from any **turf** areas within the field of play.