



AYBSA FIELD CARE GUIDELINES

The Arlington Youth Baseball and Softball Association takes great pride in providing the children in our program with the highest quality fields available. To achieve this we ask that all managers and coaches follow these simple field care guidelines whenever using a field permitted by the AYBSA. This will apply to all games and practices.

Each team manager will be provided two keys to our field boxes which hold supplies including; rakes, shovels, brooms, screens, tamps, buckets, drying agent, dry line markers, chalk, string and first aid kits. It is the manager's responsibility to see that the supplies provided are used properly and then secured prior to leaving the field.

PRE GAME/PRACTICE MAINTENANCE:

- Please check AYBSA/Town of Arlington website to determine if field is open and playable.
- Do not play on field with standing water.
- Do not remove wet dirt from the mound, home plate or baselines.
- Never "broom" standing water puddles on infields. Instead, remove excess water with cup, sponge or pump and dump water away from field. Then use drying agent in small amounts to absorb the remaining water.
- Use small amounts of "Field Saver" drying agent only when absolutely necessary – follow directions.
- If needed line field with dry line marker and chalk – never use on outfield grass.
- Please do all warm up exercises in the outfield.
- Do not throw batting practice in front of the mound on the grass.
- Do not use the fences for pepper, batting practice, or to throw against for any reason.

POST GAME/PRACTICE MAINTENANCE:

- Rake and level home plate area...fill and tamp holes.
- Rake and level pitcher's mound...fill and tamp rubber and landing area.
- Rake and level around all bases – do not rake dirt into the grass.
- Rake and level baselines lengthwise from base to base, not across baselines -do not rake dirt into grass.
- Drag infield using screens/field rakes provided – do not screen/rake dirt into grass.
- Clean dugout areas – throw all trash and litter into trash barrels.
- Pick up all trash around stands and fence lines – throw trash into barrels.
- Turn off Buck field lights prior to 10 pm.
- Notify your league director immediately with any field problems or safety concerns.

Please remember that failure to properly take care of fields can result in injuries to our players. Improper use or non-adherence to these guidelines may result in the loss of future field use by your team and your league. Please help keep our fields in good shape for all users.

Thank you.

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