



Field Maintenance

OLL wants to remind everyone of the importance of maintaining our most important asset, the baseball fields. To keep our fields looking good, we wanted to share a few basic field maintenance rules. Read them carefully as all of them are important. If you have any questions don't hesitate to ask.

- 1. Do Not Pitch Batting Practice from the Grass Area between Home and the Pitcher's Mound.** These areas have been recently re-sod and cleats and clay will kill this grass. Pitching batting practice from the clay on the front of the mound is acceptable.
- 2.** When raking the field do not rake towards the grass. Rake base to base. **(Why? Because when raking toward the grass you force clay mix onto the grass and over time it will kill the grass and lips will form around the infield)**
- 3. Grooming Pitcher's Mound** – rake dirt up towards pitcher's plate (rubber) to help maintain mound height/shape. Form level area in front of pitcher's plate. Use tamper (if available) as required to compact toe-hole and landing area. Install tarp on pitching mound and home plate areas after every game and practice. Tarps are used to maintain moisture in these areas. The use of tarps is required anytime the field is not in use.
- 4. Fill in holes** after each game and practice. **(Pitcher's mound, batter's box, the bases) (This will help the next day when getting field ready for games. This is especially true when it rains). At a minimum, rake home plate area and pitcher's mound.**
- 5.** After rain you should show up at the field at least an hour before you normally do. **(ON WEEKENDS EVERYONE WHO IS GOING TO USE THE FIELD THAT DAY SHOULD SHOW UP AND GET IT READY FOR THE DAY)**
- 6. Clean-up after each game.** Keep field clean and dugouts clean, pick up after yourselves. Do not leave any trash in the dugouts, fields or the stands.
- 7. No holes please.** Do not allow kids to dig holes with their cleats in the outfield.
- 8. No soft toss.** Do not allow soft toss into the field fences. Over time, this damages the fence. Orange Little League has three batting cages available.

If you have any questions, please contact OLL field maintenance.

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