

***Penns Valley Little League Baseball Field Maintenance Check List***

**Before Game or Practice (If NOT completed from the previous field user)**

* If *After Game or Practice* is not completed, then please follow those steps
* When spike dragging, place the spike drag on in-field to start dragging in a circle motion. When completed take the drag to the edge of the in-field and turn over while cleaning off the spikes. Then set the drag into the grass.
  + This means not to pull the drag from the in-field to the outfield grass. This pulled the in-field mix into the outfield over time will create lips at the dirt, grass transition. This also applies to the fine drag as well.

**After Game or Practice**

* Fill in the holes at the pitcher mound, batters’ boxes and catcher’s area
  + Add some water to these areas and use the tamp to compact the dirt back into the holes
* Remove bases and place them into the storage area at each field
* Rake around all bases
* Drag the field with the fine drag
  + Make sure that the drag is right side up
    - The metal L part in the front of the drag is down. By this I mean that the horizontal part of the “L” is down.
  + Drag around each base
  + Drag 1 full lap around the outside edge of the infield
    - When dragging by the chain-link fence stay at least 12-inches away from the fence. This will protect the fine drag from getting damaged.
  + Move towards the pitching mound and start circling around the pitching mound
  + In a circle motion work away from the pitcher mound to the outside edge of the in-field
  + When dragging and you have dirt on top of the drag find a low point in the field to deposit the extra dirt.
  + When exiting the field, drive to the edge of the in-field. Keep the drag on the dirt. Turn over while cleaning off the fine drag. Then set the drag into the grass.
    - This means not to pull the drag from the in-field to the outfield grass. This pulled in-field mix into the outfield over time will create lips at the dirt, grass transition. This also applies to the spike drag as well.

**Water on The Field**

* Brush the water to the middle of the field for draining. Don’t push water off of the in-field and into the outfield where this will promote a lip at the dirt, grass transition.

**\*\*If all coaches can assist in the help with this field maintenance after use of the field each time, this will allow the fields to stay in a better condition throughout the year!!**