

SOFTBALL FIELD MAINTENANCE GUIDELINES

THE FIELD WILL BE CLOSED EVERY MONDAY AT 12 PM FOR MAINTENANCE

Managers are responsible for preparing and cleanup of the field. Managers should assign a few players to learn the use of the tractor and EZGo cart. (See Roger Brouillette or Virgil Green for instructions)

1. When your team is scheduled for the first game, it is your responsibility to prepare the field: rake the infield if needed, and line the bases.
2. When your team is the last scheduled to play, it is your responsibility to cleanup: sweep the dugouts and spectator areas, drag the field, turn off the scoreboard, and store all scoreboard and announcing equipment. Before you leave the field, make sure that the gas storage container and the storage shed are locked.

NOTE: When dragging the field, be sure to use the proper piece of equipment. When the field is damp or wet, use only the carpet that is attached to the plywood. In some situations, a wet field will need to be hand-raked using the leaf rakes. Only use the wire drag when the field is completely dry. . When using the wire drag, be sure to have the angle iron flat side down, this prevents ridges in the field. On days when the outfield is covered with dew, use the carpet attached to the white chain or the PVC pipe located in the right field fence area. A 25' hose is located in the storage room, which can be dragged by 2 carts for even speedier dew removal.

LIST OF EQUIPMENT AND THEIR USES

EQUIPMENT		FUNCTION
EZGO Tractor and cart		Pull equipment listed below
Dethatcher (with tines)		Turns soil approx. 1 ½ inches
Lag Bolt Scar facing platform		Turns soil approx.3 inches (Mark Sprinkler Heads)
DRAGS		
1.	Steel Mat (angle on flat side)	Smoothes infield and fills holes
	Carpet (attached to	
2.	plywood) Fine finish (can be used on damp field)	
3.	Carpet (with white chain)	
4.	PVC Pipe (12 ft.)	Used to remove dew from outfield
5.	25 Ft. Hose	Used to remove dew from outfield
Brooms (3)		Clean home plate, Dugouts, & dirt from grass area
Steel Rakes (3)		Smooth dry soil areas
Leaf Rakes (5)		
Gas Blower		
Gas Edger		Edge foul lines and infield/outfield definition
Field Lining	Line infield	
Tool		
Pressure	Remove buildup of dirt on grass area behind infield	
Washer		

Notice: Only use Detacher when the field is wet and enough time is available for the soil to dry