

## Field Duties – Majors Teams Elm Park

The following are the field duties that need to be completed for the setup and close down of Elm Park. It requires a minimum of 3 adults and takes more than 30 minutes so start setting up ONE hour before game  
(Note: wearing gloves help)

Items to be taken out of the equipment shed:

- Base plug dig tool
- Large metal rake
- Line painter
- Aerosol paint
- Aluminum folding template
- String reel

Items to be taken out of the north equipment box:

- Wire mesh dragger
- 3 rubber bases



### Remove the base plugs from all bases

- Put them in the equipment box behind 1<sup>st</sup> base – please use the north one where we store the game balls. This way the team that plays the last game of the day knows where to find them when they are putting the bases away.
- Put the rubber bases into place



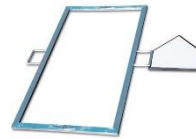
### Soften the Clay

- Using the mesh dragger – located in equipment box – drag around homeplate. Drag around homeplate area in circular motion around 3-4 times.
- Then proceed with using the mesh dragger to drag between all base paths
- When raking and dragging any part of the red clay infield, please take care to avoid any of the clay landing in the grass area of the field. This causes the level of the grass to rise and creates lips in the infield which are a hazard as the ball takes unpredictable bounces when it hits these areas during play. **Please rake and drag no closer than 6" from any part of the grass infield.**



### Trace Batter Box

- Use the aluminum folding template to trace the batter box. Align the batter box template to homeplate.



- Use the base plug dig out tool to trace the batter box



- Remove template and then spray batter box using the line painter



- Make sure batter boxes are parallel and evenly aligned



### Mark Base Path and Foul Lines

- Use the string reel to mark the base path and foul line



- One person holds down the rope at homeplate with nail at the top of homeplate as the starting point
- While other person drags rope to outside of 1<sup>st</sup> base all the way to the homerun fence. Make sure rope is straight and taught to trace a straight line
- Another person uses the line painter to paint base path from homeplate to the outside edge of 1<sup>st</sup> base. Continue along to paint the foul line all the way to homerun fence
- Then drag rope across to left field all the way to the homerun fence. Paint base path from homeplate to outside edge of 3<sup>rd</sup> base. Continue along to paint the foul line all the way to homerun fence.



## Pitcher's Mound

- Use the large metal rake to rake the pitcher's mound. Smooth out the area where the previous pitcher has made divots in the mound, we want to ensure that there are no holes or unevenness that may cause the pitcher to trip while pitching. Also, we want each game to start with a "fresh" mound.



- If there are large holes or divots that need to be covered, there are shovels in the equipment shed that can be used to get fresh clay (right in front of the equipment shed) to fill in the holes or divots
- Use the tamper tool to stamp and pack the clay



## Field close up after the last game

- Remove all the bases and put them back in the equipment box
- Replace the base plugs
- Use rakes to smooth out any really uneven areas (usually around each base and home plate)
- Sweep the dugout clean of Spitz etc. Leave it clean for the next team and they will do the same for you
- Umpire gear is to be hung up in the scorers shed
- Put the equipment back into the equipment shed and equipment box and make sure to lock up afterwards
- Leave the field and equipment in the condition you would want it if you were the next game
- **Maintaining our fields is a lot of work. The players are the ones who benefit from having a wellcared for and safe field to play on. Please help us keep these fields looking and playing great! Thank you**