



## Field Maintenance Procedures

- Sweep:
  - Use the push brooms to brush the dirt out of the grass in high traffic areas such as opposite 1<sup>st</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> base, behind home plate, on the approaches to home plate
  - Be forceful. The grass can handle it.
  - Being diligent on a regular basis prevents lips
  
- Rake:
  - Use the rakes to smooth and level the home plate circle, base paths and pitcher's mound
  - Always push the dirt on the pitcher's mound up
  - Keep rake 4-6" from edge of grass
  - Rake traction and sliding areas to make level.
  
- Drag:
  - Use the drags to smooth and level the infield skin.
  - Keep drags 6" away from grass edge. Never drag over the grass edge.
  - Always lift and shake out drags over the dirt. Smooth shaken dirt with rake.
  - Drag with bases out. Use drags to level 'traction areas'
  - Always hang drags so that corners do not become bent.
  
- Water:
  - Our infields never get enough water.
  - If there is dust, there is not enough water.

- Use the infield sprinklers for the infield skin area. Use the hose for the mound, plate and base paths.
- No mud.
- Last water of the day should be heavy. Ground should have a sheen, but no puddles.
  
- Close:
  - Put bases away.
  - Lock sheds, knock boxes and field gates.
  - Replace base plug markers.
  - Make note of any missing equipment or field damage and contact Todd Peart (xpeart@earthlink.net)
  - Clean dugouts of all trash.
  - Hang/stack/put away rakes, drags, hoses, screens, etc. NEATLY.