



# Woodcreek Little League

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- line is in fair territory. In the diagram shown right, string is red, chalk line is blue.
- Once you get the chalk to the base, you can either pick it up to get over the bag, or you can remove the bag.
- Repeat for the other base line.
- When the above steps are completed return all equipment to the proper storage area.

***Failure to leave facility secured, equipment stored, sheds and knaack boxes locked will be grounds for disciplinary action, up to and including suspension!***

## **21.1 FIELD CLOSURE INFORMATION:**

The City of Roseville reserves the right to cancel or suspend outdoor facility or field use permits for games, practices and other uses whenever field conditions could result in injury to players or damage to the fields. Permits may also be cancelled when the health and safety of participants are threatened due to impending conditions, including but not limited to, heavy rains, smog alerts, or pesticide application. The following information is the City and School Districts policy regarding the use of fields in wet conditions. This policy and described procedures apply to all sports and activities taking place on a grass field, turf area, or infield.

### **Baseball and Softball In-fields – Brick Dust**

Infields will be deemed unsafe/unplayable when any of the following conditions are present:

- Standing water within the base paths
- Your feet are slipping as you walk through the infield
- The depth of your foot print is greater than 1 inch
- When any of the above conditions are present within the pitching area.

### **Soccer, Utility, Baseball and Softball Out Fields – Turf**

Outfields and turf area will be deemed unsafe/unplayable when any of the following conditions are present:

- Standing water within the majority of a single playing position (positions will be determined based on user group).
- Your feet are suctioned to the ground as you walk within the majority of a single playing position
- Your foot prints are filling with water in the majority of a single playing position
- The depth of your foot print is greater than 2 inches in the majority of a single playing position.
- Grass can be dislodged from the parks easily by play

## **USER GROUPS RESPONSIBILITY**

- If it has rained within the preceding 24 hours, groups using public fields must check the City website - Parks and Recreation webpage (see “Field Conditions”) to receive updated information on field playability. Generally, only same day information will be provided, except in the case of extreme conditions or scheduled maintenance. City staff will make a determination of field conditions. The determinations/decisions are not negotiable.
- The city may also declare some fields subject to re-evaluation. These fields can be evaluated by the individual user group at game time for playability. The user group must use the same playability criteria used by City staff.



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**20.1 FIELD PREPARATION:** It is the home team's responsibility to set up the field before the games. This includes installing bases, chalking, checking the field for foreign objects, holes, etc. It is the visiting team's responsibility to clean up the field after the games. This includes picking up trash left by players and fans, dragging, raking, put away bases, locking storage box, etc. If last game of the day, visiting team is responsible for putting away chalkers, frames, & locking shed.

## How to Drag/Prep & Chalk a Field

### Steps to Drag/Prep

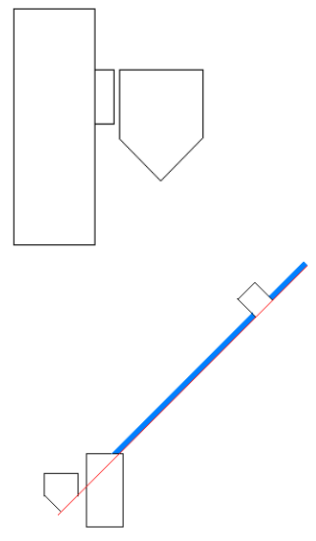
To do the job properly, you need 1-2 assistants and the following:

- Drag & Prep Tools
  - Screen Drag(s)
  - Rake(s)
  - Appropriate Breakaway Bases
- Remove all bases and debris from the infield and pitching mound areas.
- Screen drag the infield dirt, **staying at least three inches away from grass edge**. This prevents damage by contact and dirt from being packed into the sprinkler heads.
- Hand rake base path rounds and three inch edges not dragged. **Always rake away from grass edges** to minimize build-up of ridges.
- Water down dirt areas only if time allows.
- Install bases and check anchoring for safety.
- Inspect the infield and grass area for glass and hazards.
- Close all exterior gates.

### Steps to Chalk

To do the job properly, you need 1-2 assistants and the following:

- Chalking Tools
  - Chalker
  - String
  - Batter's Box Template
- Place the batter's box template flush against home plate, as shown right. Make sure the extended portion of the template is lined up with the front of the plate.
- With your finger or pointed object, trace the batter's box using the inside portion of the template. Do not trace the extending portion - it is only there for lining up the template.
- Remove the template and chalk over the trace lines.
- Flip the template over and repeat the previous steps for the other side of the plate.
- Put in the first and third base bags.
- Run a string from the pointed back end of home plate out past first base and all the way to the outfield grass. The string should line up against the bag on the foul line side.
- Using the string as a guide, start the chalk line on the front border of the batter's box. Make sure the chalk line is to the inside of the string. Remember, the foul



## **TIPS FOR SPRAY PAINT & CHALK**

Moisture in the field is necessary regardless if paint or chalk. If done properly, it should be perfect every time. This only is in regards if you play at Mahany.

Steps:

1. Drag as necessary.
2. Using the hose in the box, wet down your field. You can actually use more water than anticipated. Especially on windy day, it will evaporate quickly. Just don't create puddles.
3. Using a batters box template and string line, line out your marking lines. Put the 1st and 3rd bases in at this point so you can make sure the string line aligns up as well as possible with the outside of the base.
4. Shake Marking Paint A Lot!!!! Just like using any can of spray paint, you need to use the internal ball to mix up the paint. Plan on shaking 60 seconds. You will be able to tell when the paint can is properly mixed.
5. Marking Machine and Spray Tips: If you line up the can tip perpendicularly to the direction you are marking it will create a wide line. If you rotate it 90 degrees in the direction to the line you are marking it will create a thin line. The amount of paint coming out is the same, so if you are using a thin line, you can walk faster!!!
6. With Your Baselines and Home Plate Watered Down, walk at a brisk pace to paint your foul line and batters boxes.
7. Put your bases back in and get ready to play.

We can't emphasize enough how important it is to wet your fields down prior to painting. If you try to paint dry fields and especially on a windy day, it will not stick.