



Middleton Baseball & Softball Commission
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Field Maintenance for ALL MBSC teams

Due to budget cuts, furlough days for full time staff and a cut back of summer employees, the City Parks staff is asking everyone to continue helping to maintaining our ballfields. With everyone's help we can continue to keep our diamonds looking good and keep them in the best playing condition of any fields in the area.

Thank you for your help, City of Middleton Parks Staff

Even without budget considerations, Middleton players and coaches have been responsible for field maintenance since the MBSC came into existence.

Practice

1. Batting practice will be done from the home plate area only, not from the grass or against sideline fences or backstops.
2. Use mats at home plate and pitcher's mound where available.
3. No soft toss is allowed against any fence unless you are using plastic type, wiffle balls. This includes visiting teams. Soft toss should only be done on the outside of fence as not to wear the grass out on the field.
4. Do not warm up on the infield or any foul lines. Warm up in the outfield.
5. For batting practice (large fields: Adler, High School, Bakken-Sorenson) use portable mounds.
6. If standing water is present on fields do not sweep or rake onto the grass area.

Field Maintenance Duties (after practice and games)

1. Make sure all scoreboard controllers are turned off along with all lights. Scoreboard controllers are located in the stairwell to the press box in concession building.
2. Put bases away and put base pegs in the base holes.
3. Fill in holes at home, 1st, 2nd, 3rd and pitching rubber. Level with the back side of the rake.
4. Rake mound and home plate area toward the plate and pitching rubber, not towards the grass. This will prevent lip build up.
5. Rake baselines lengthwise from home towards 1st and 3rd.
6. Hand drag infields but stay one foot away from outside to prevent build up on grass areas.
7. On fields with pitching mounds always tarp the mound. Tarp home plate if rain is in the forecast. Pound stakes down completely, if not the wind lifts the tarps and water runs under.
8. Sweep out dugouts place waste materials and dirt in trash cans, not swept onto the warning tracks
9. Pick up all trash in and around each field and bleachers.
10. Lock all gates and base boxes.
11. Feel free to have players, coaches and parents help with pulling of weeds along fence lines, warning tracks, and infields.
12. Check that no problems exist in bathrooms are locked.
13. Leave fields in better condition than you found them. Take pride and ownership in your fields. They are some of the best around and we want to keep it that way.
14. If you arrive at fields that are not maintained, inform your league director or any MBSC member. Escheduling should allow offenders to be identified. MBSC will not tolerate disregard for maintenance.