



Cosumnes CSD

Ball Field Prep Guidelines

- 1. Inspect field to insure it is safe for play**
 - Look for holes not only in dirt areas, but also in the infield and outfield turf.
 - Look for fencing problems like holes, protruding objects, or snag points.
 - Look for wet muddy spots that could be a slip hazard or anything else which could be a safety problem.
 - Correct problem if possible or suspend game and call the maintenance Hotline at (916) 405-5688. Leave message and CSD staff will be paged and respond ASAP.
- 2. Fill in holes and low spots in ball field mix areas.**
 - Look especially around home plate, pitchers mound, and all bases.
 - The key here is to rake out any loose dirt, wet down area, use water to get the ball mix to a good compacting consistency and pack it in with tamper in layers.
 - Try not to use fine dusty mix.
 - Use mix from high spots or use fresh mix from storage bins, it will pack better and last longer
- 3. Drag infield and rake base paths.**
 - Wet ball mix lightly prior to dragging to keep dust down.
 - Be careful not to overwater or drag will plug up and mix will get clumpy.
 - Dragging in circular patterns will help keep the infield level.
 - Keep drag 1 ft away from turf edge and raking should always be done parallel to the grass so dirt does not get pushed into the grass causing lips.
- 4. Re-wet infield ball mix prior to game.**
 - Use as much water as the field will take without making mud.
 - This will help to keep the infield relatively soft, it will help keep dust down, and it looks good too.
- 5. Install bases.**
 - Make sure they are down against the ground and secure.
- 6. After game duties.**
 - Pick up trash in dugouts and bleacher areas.
 - Rake any ball mix out of grass. A high pressure nozzle on a water hose works well too.
 - Fill and pack holes and low spots.



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Ball Field Maintenance

Do's and Do Not's

Do:

- Do report any safety issues immediately to the Maintenance Hotline.
(916) 405-5688
- Do keep a safe, clean environment.

Do Not:

- Do not drive any motorized vehicles in park unless authorized by CSD.
- Do not use motorized equipment on fields unless authorized by CSD.
- Do not pull on the hose when hooked up to a quick coupler. (could break the pipe and game is over)
- Do not pull ball mix or mud onto grass.
- Do not drag the field without wetting it.
- Do not drag within 1 ft of turf.
- Do not drag in the same pattern every day.
- Do not pull drag off dirt onto grass. Pick it up.