

# CAPE ELIZABETH LITTLE LEAGUE FIELD MAINTENANCE PROCEDURES

THE FOLLOWING OUTLINE PROVIDES THE MINIMUM REQUIREMENTS EACH TEAM SHOULD FOLLOW THROUGHOUT THE SEASON TO INSURE SAFE PLAYING CONDITIONS AND ENJOYMENT FOR ALL WHO USE THE FIELDS:

## 1. PRE-GAME PROCEDURES

- Start at least fifteen minutes before game time.
- Use drag to smooth infield skirt. Do not use the drag on base paths.
- Install bases if necessary. Place base plugs in wheelbarrow.
- Use leaf rake and push broom to sweep soil off infield grass.
- Use landscape rake to level out base paths. Always rake soil away from the grass toward the middle of the base path to prevent soil from building up on the edge of the grass. *This procedure is important to maintain a smooth transition from the grass to skinned areas of the infield.*
- Line the field using paint (shake well) available at field. Use twine line to layout straight lines from home plate to the outfield foul poles.
- Use the batters box template to outline the batters box before lining (see diagram in rule book for details).
- Clean paint sprayer by wiping off excess paint to keep the spray hole cleaned out. Turn can upside down in sprayer. It will not work properly unless kept clean.
- If using Quick Dry to dry wet areas use sparingly and give time to work. This must be worked into the soil to work. It is expensive and a little bit goes a long way. Do not use the Quick Dry on the grass as it will kill the grass.

## 2. POST GAME PROCEDURES

- Remove bases and install plugs.
- Rake base paths making sure to rake away from grass toward middle of base path.
- Rake and regrade pitchers mound. Tamp down area in front of the pitching rubber area as needed.
- Drag infield skirt. Do not pull the drag over the bases.
- Use a push broom to sweep soil off base path and infield skirt grass. This will prevent a dangerous lip from building up.
- Cover pitcher's mound and home plate area with tarps if rain is in the forecast.
- Sweep out and empty trash from the dugouts and press box.
- Turn off the scoreboard.
- Check Concessions Stand to ensure it is clean and properly secured.
- Put all tools and equipment away and lock up storage sheds and press box.

Guidelines apply to all *games and practices*. Play safe and have fun!