

LA MIRADA



PONY BASEBALL

Fences & Field Care

IMPORTANT DUTIES TO REMEMBER		
FIRST GAME OF DAY	MIDDLE GAME(S)	LAST GAME OF DAY
Home Team (Infield) <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➤ Drag and water fields ➤ Set Bases ➤ Prepare batter's box ➤ Prepare mound ➤ Chalk fields 	Home Team (Infield) <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➤ Drag and water fields (as needed) ➤ Prepare batter's box (as needed) ➤ Prepare mound (as needed) ➤ Chalk fields 	Home Team (Outfield) <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➤ Remove, roll, and put away fences ➤ Ensure sleeve tops are in place
Visiting Team (Outfield) <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➤ Set up fences 		Visiting Team (Infield) <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➤ Remove bases and store all equipment in shed ➤ Repair pitcher's mound ➤ Repair batter's box ➤ Drag and water field

As manager/coaches in the La Mirada Baseball Association, you have a distinct responsibility to help the league care for its equipment. League equipment is expensive, and unless we want our registration fees to get too high, we all need to pitch in and help.

In order to facilitate field preparation, League equipment is stored in the following locations:

Field(s)	Equipment	Fences
1 & 2	Shed in between Fields 1 & 2	"Big Green Monster" near Rosecrans
3	Shed behind Field 3 backstop	Shed behind Field 3 backstop
4	Shed behind Field 4 backstop	Shed behind Field 4 backstop
5 & 6	Shed behind Field 5 backstop	Shed behind Field 5 backstop

Please follow the simple guidelines set forth on the following pages when preparing and breaking-down the fields...and remember that although you may delegate these responsibilities to your players' parents, ***managers are responsible for ensuring that the fields are properly prepared, broken-down, and that all equipment is appropriately stored away at the end of the games.***

BEFORE THE GAME

Infield Duties (HOME TEAM) – Should be *completed* at least 15 minutes prior to game time

1. Assure that the hose nozzle is turned off; connect the “quick coupler” on the hose to the water source under the round green cover behind the pitcher’s mound (or other nearby water source).
2. Give the entire infield dirt (including foul territory) a thorough spraying before dragging, but do not soak the surface. *This is to pack the dirt and hold down the dust.*
3. If this is the first game of the day, use the dragging mesh to smooth the entire infield dirt starting at the dugout fences and working in concentric and overlapping circles. Alternate the dragging, one time toward the infield and the next occasion toward the outfield grass. Stay 4”-6” away from the lip of the grass with the loose gravel in order not to damage or kill the grass. If this is a later game, and if the field was drug following the previous game, repeat dragging may not be necessary.
4. Repeat the spraying of the infield following the dragging.
5. Remove the plugs in the anchor plate at the three bases and store them near the fence adjacent to the nearest base. **DO NOT PUT THEM ANYWHERE ELSE.**
6. Insert the bases into their corresponding anchors/posts. Ensure that the bases are flat and even against the dirt.
7. Fill in any holes in front of the pitching rubber and in the batters box.
8. Tamp the pitcher’s mound – including the landing area (where pitcher steps to pivot and throw). Rake the pitcher’s mound – including the landing area.
9. Using the metal frame/template and chalker, chalk the batter’s box.
10. Using the string, with the nail at the back corner of home plate and someone holding the other end of the string, chalk the 1st base line - starting at the edge of the batter’s box and extended to the outfield. The line may **not** align exactly with the corner of the batter’s box.
11. Repeat #10 for the 3rd base line.
12. Chalk the midway lines. For Pinto, mid-way lines should be chalked between 1st and 2nd base, 2nd and 3rd base, and 3rd base and home plate. For Mustang through Pony, mid-way lines should be chalked between 3rd base and home plate.
13. Chalk the coaches’ boxes adjacent to 1st and 3rd base.
14. Chalk on-deck circles/areas.

Outfield Duties (VISITING TEAM) – Should be *completed* at least 15 minutes prior to game time

Get the fences from the shed and place them towards the back of centerfield. Locate the center sleeves (where there are 2 sleeves next to each other). Remove all sleeve caps, and place them next to the sleeve. Unroll the fence towards the foul lines, placing each pole in its respective sleeve. The ends of each sleeve should overlap in centerfield. The sleeve caps should be placed on the outside of the fence

AFTER THE LAST GAME

during game play.

Infield Duties (VISITING TEAM)

1. Remove all bases and store them inside of the appropriate shed.
2. Assure that the hose nozzle is turned off; connect the “quick coupler” on the hose to the water source under the round green cover behind the pitcher’s mound (or other nearby water source).
3. Fill in any holes in front of the pitching rubber and in the batters box.
4. Tamp the pitcher’s mound – including the landing area (where pitcher steps to pivot and throw) and batter’s box. Rake the pitcher’s mound – including the landing area.
5. Give the entire infield dirt (including foul territory) a thorough spraying before dragging, but do not soak the surface.
6. Use the dragging mesh to smooth the entire infield dirt starting at the dugout fences and working in concentric and overlapping circles. Alternate the dragging, one time toward the infield and the next occasion toward the outfield grass. Stay 4”-6” away from the lip of the grass with the loose gravel in order not to damage or kill the grass.
7. Replace the plugs into the anchor plate at the three bases.
8. Ensure that all equipment (including hoses, bases, chalkers, rakes, templates, etc.) is placed inside of the corresponding shed – and that the sheds remain neat and organized.
9. Ensure that all dugouts and seating areas are clear of trash and litter.

Outfield Duties (HOME TEAM)

Remove the fences from the ground. **Starting at one end**, roll the fence tightly until completely rolled. Store the fence in the corresponding shed in a neat fashion. **Do not double roll the fences (i.e., do not roll the fences from each end to meet in the middle.** [Fences for Fields 1 & 2 should be placed in a vertical fashion towards the rear of the inside of the Big Green Monster along Rosecrans – leaving sufficient space for the carts to be parked inside. Fences for Fields 3, 5, & 6 must be stored in the appropriate bins/sheds and no other equipment should be placed on top of the fences.] Replace all sleeve caps.

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