

Majors Bay Reserve Housekeeping

Fields

The first team playing on the Diamond is responsible to set up the field, this includes setting up the bases, setting up the cones and/or foul poles (if required), marking lines (if required), setting up zooka machines, and setting up benches (Diamonds 1 or 2).

For those fields that have Dolerite (dirt) around the bases, home plate and pitching mound these areas need to be raked prior to the game and immediately after the game. When setting up the field you should bring two or three rakes from the shed and keep them behind the diamond so that teams can use these during the day.

If you are the last team playing on the day, you need to rake any dolerite areas and pack up all ground equipment (bases, cones, foul poles, benches, wheel barrows, rakes) and return them to their place in the correct storage sheds.

Please ask you players to take their rubbish from the dugouts and use the binds provided near the canteen.

Important Note - Raking the Diamonds

It is essential that the dolerite areas on the baseball Diamonds get raked before and after every game and after every training session.

If you have two or three rakes available at the field you should ask your players or parents to help and it only takes five minutes to do. Raking the diamonds ensures the Diamonds remain safe for our players and that pitching mounds and home plate areas retain their shape.

When raking the dolerite you must always rake towards the centre of the base areas, home plate or pitcher's mound and never rake towards the grass as this forms lips where the dolerite meets the grass which becomes a hazard for players to trip or causes balls to have uneven bounces or hops. Always fill in the holes, especially on the pitcher's mound, batting box and catcher's area. When raked properly the overnight sprinklers on the field or rain helps settle the field in an even firm surface that is safe for our players.

Please refer to the following short video <http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=LHWZeUDTDkE>.

Storage Sheds

The storage sheds on either side of the canteen contain umpire gear, tables, chairs, zooka machines and some team kit bags. When using equipment from these sheds, please return the equipment to its correct place. Zooka machines need to be returned to their correct shed and placed on "charge" after use (including after training). Umpire gear and other equipment should be returned to the shelves and not left on the shed floor. Plastic tables and chairs should be returned to the shed on the right hand side of the canteen. Please do not remove any equipment from another team's kit bag left in the shed. If you need additional equipment please contact me.

Storage Container (shipping container)

The storage container contains our ground equipment (bases, cones, rakes, shovels, temporary nets, L Screen, benches and wheelbarrows) and our uniform shop is located at the back of the shed. When returning equipment, please make sure that you return it to its correct place. The nets used for the temporary diamonds are to be stored in their buckets along with the pegs and hammers and the poles to be stored in their canvas bags. Wheelbarrows need to be emptied and left upright against the side of the container, benches and buckets containing nets are to be tucked under the shelves and bases placed on shelves or on the dedicated racks. Please make sure that the passageway to the uniform shop at the rear is left clear.

We have one of the best grounds in the league and appreciate your assistance in keeping them as safe and tidy as possible.

Thanks

Tony Solano

Comets President