

MVGSA Field Prep To Do List for Volunteers

If you are the first game of the day on the field:

1. Everything you need is in the field bin (your coach has the keys and combo)
2. Drag field (Only do if needed – if it's in between games there's no time)
3. Level batters box area with rake (found in the bin)
4. Chalk batters boxes – take a batters box template and place it following the directions written on the template with the arrow pointed towards pitchers mound on both sides of the plate. Step on the corners of the template to create indentations in the dirt. Remove the template and connect the “dots”
5. Hammer in a nail at the back point of home plate
6. Attach string to nail and extend the string down the third base line to the grass line – be sure the string is to the outside (dugout side) of 3rd base, and pull it tight.
7. Chalk over the string beginning where the string and the box come together
8. Chalk the 3rd base side coaches box and batters circle in front of dugout
9. Repeat for first base line, but the string will go through the middle of the white and orange bag – **not on the outside of the orange bag**
10. Chalk coaches box on first base side, then batters circle in front of dugout
11. Make sure the pitching rubber is at the proper distance (Fields 3&5 have a permanent pitching rubber so no need to measure. See diagram below for proper distance. Measure from the back point of the plate to the front of the pitching rubber.
 - 8u – 30 Feet
 - 10u – 35 Feet
 - 12u – 40 Feet
 - Uppers – 43 Feet
12. Pitchers circle is 16' diameter. Place the tape measure in the middle of the rubber, have someone hold it and measure out 8 feet. While the person in the middle holds measuring tape, walk in a circle and mark a guideline in the dirt for you to chalk. Chalk over your guideline.
13. Rake around the bases (without messing up chalk lines) to make sure it is smooth and there is plenty of dirt for sliding purposes
14. Put away all equipment in the bin.

If you are a subsequent game, please do the following

1. Drag only if there is time
2. Rake the batters box area and fill in any holes
3. Re-chalk the batters boxes
4. Touch up any areas of the 1st and 3rd base line that need help

5. Rake and fill inside pitchers circle – re-chalk circle if necessary
6. Rake around bases

