



PRE-GAME FIELD GROOMING

It should be noted that the following field grooming tips only be executed if the Infield Mix has proper moisture. Thoroughly flooding the field the night before grooming is preferred.

Field Preparation Steps:

- Rake the mound, home plate and sliding areas around the bases with a floating landscape rake or field rake.
- Redistribute displaced Pro Gold Infield Mix in a smooth and level manner. Roll positional areas with a filled Sod Roller to re-compact mix. This would be around the mound, home plate, sliding areas and player position areas.
- Drag your Pro Gold Infield Mix areas by hand or with a tractor cart using a steel mat drag.
- If you are equipped with a tractor cart and nail drag attachment, scarify the infield to a depth of 1/8" prior to dragging with a steel mat drag, minimum once a week.
- Rake and drag base paths lengthwise by hand.
- Hose down your Pro Gold Infield Mix with enough water to moisten to a depth of 1/4". Hose down mound and home plate areas with enough water to prevent dust.
- Use a template to outline batters boxes and line the boxes with field spray paint.
- Line bases with a pull line (string/twine) starting from just behind the home plate apex on top of the edge of home plate in a straight line. The pull line should run along the outside edge of 1st and 3rd base.
- Pull bases, scrub and clean with a cleaning solution. Apply a light coat of field spray paint on the pitching rubber and home plate.

Field Grooming Checklist: *estimated time ~ 30 minutes*

- _____ 1. Rake the mound, home plate and sliding areas around bases.
- _____ 2. Redistribute displaced Infield Mix at around the mound, home plate, sliding areas and player positions areas in a smooth and level manner.
- _____ 3. Roll positional areas and base paths to re-compact infield mix.
- _____ 4. Drag skinned areas by hand or with a tractor cart.
- _____ 5. Rake and drag base paths by hand.
- _____ 6. Hose down skinned areas with enough water to moisten to a depth of 1/4". Hose down mound and home plate area with enough water to prevent dust.
- _____ 7. Outline batters boxes and line boxes with field spray paint.
- _____ 8. Line the bases.
- _____ 9. Pull bases, scrub and clean with a cleaning solution. Apply a light coat of field spray paint on home plate and pitching rubber.
- _____ 10. Set bases, sweep home plate and pitchers mound.

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