Field Care Guide

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Prepared For	All Coaches and Parents

Key Takeaways

After Each Practice and Game

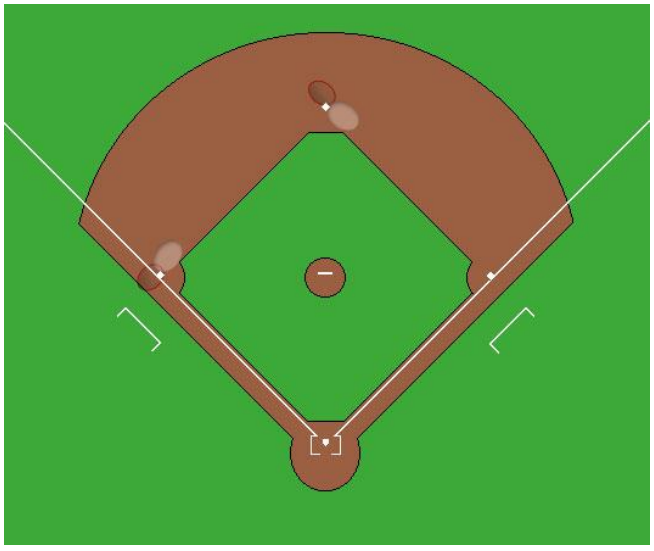
- Involve your players and parents
  - Consistent with three of OYO's guiding principles – Respect | Life Lessons | Character
  - Adopt the principle of "Leave it better than you found it"
- How to maintain **baseball** fields
  - Fields 1-4 | use metal drag and rakes on base paths and home plate circle
  - Fields 10-11, 14 | use large broom and rake
  - Fields 12-13 | use metal drag and rakes on base paths and home plate circle
- How to maintain **softball** fields
  - Softball | Fields 5-9 | use large broom and rakes
- Proper field care techniques
  - When raking along grass edges, always rake away from the grass
  - Never pull the field mix towards the grass
- Help tidy areas around the field by returning all equipment to the sheds when finished
  - Includes chalkers, rakes, brooms and batter's box templates
  - Clean out dugouts, all trash and equipment
- No fence hopping
- Your help goes a long way to keeping our park "The Place" for baseball and softball

Tutorial

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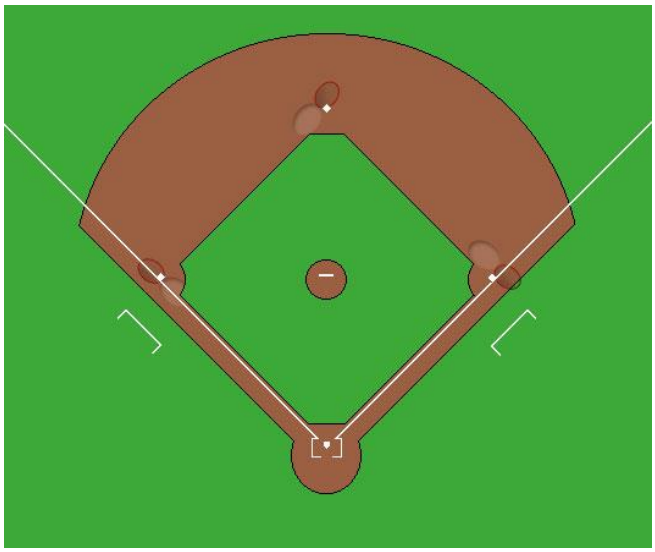
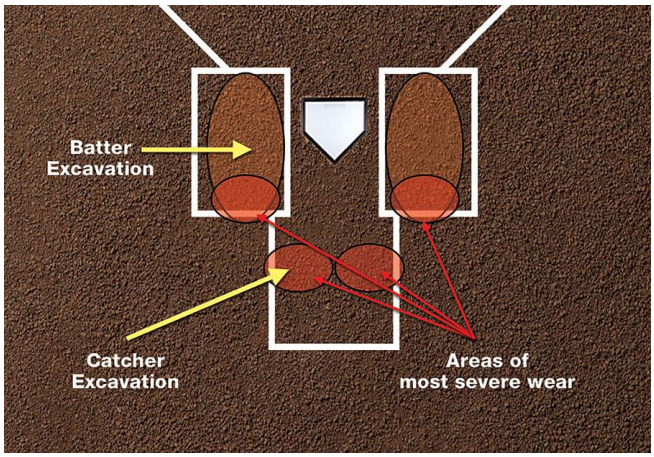
Specific Care Instructions

Wear Areas from Sliding



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Wear Areas from Leadoffs		These are best filled in by walking a circle, slightly larger than the whole area, and raking/pushing the field mix towards the holes and home plate. The back side of our rake works well for pushing field mix. Over time, this creates a mounding or doming affect to the hitting/home plate area. Daily care of this after practices will result in a safer sliding area and fewer materials needed to recover after a rain. The rain will run off instead of collecting in the high wear areas. **Softball Fields** | This same practice should be used on our skinned infields around the pitching rubbers.

Grounds Leadership

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