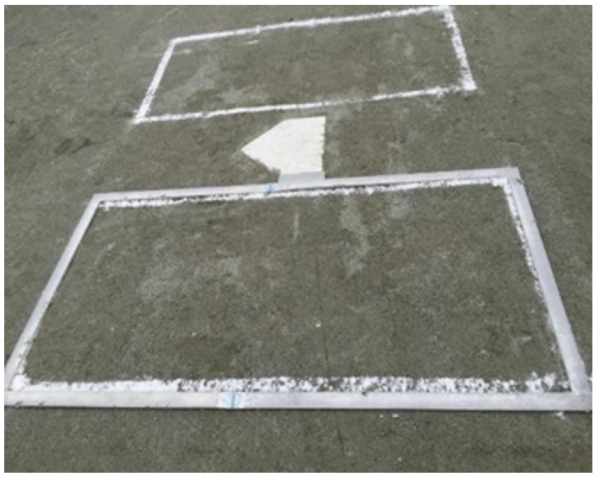
INSTRUCTIONS:
HOW TO LINE A FIELD

1. Rake the field, ensuring that all divots are filled in and level out the batter's box.

2. Grab the lining cart, string, pitcher's mound, (if not already secured in the diamond), bases, batter's box guide, (if you have one) and tape measure from the equipment box.

3. Remove the base plugs and insert all the bases into the correct holes.



4. Lay down the batter's box template and press down to ensure that it leaves an imprint for you to follow. Remove the batter's box template and repeat this step on the other side.

5. If your diamond does not have a template, you will need to review the Softball BC Plate Measurement GUIDE to draw one out yourself. (see below)

6. Using the lining cart, draw your batters' boxes.

7. Insert the nail end of the string into the point end of the Home Plate and run the string down the First Base line. (see picture)





8. Near the corner of the batter's box, using the Lining Cart draw the line all the way down the baseline. (over top of the string guide)

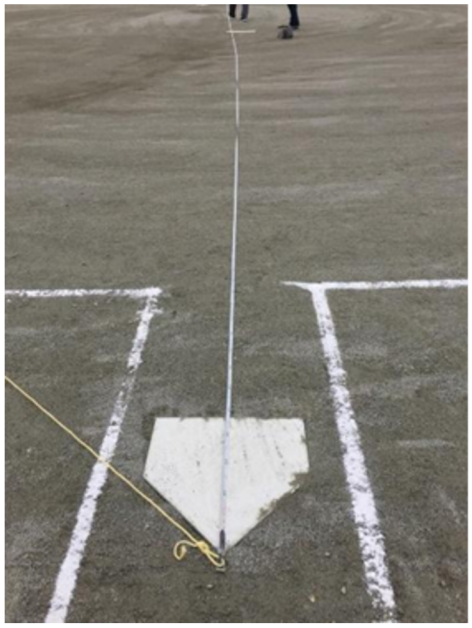
9. Once you have lined the first base, repeat the same steps for the third base line.

10. With your nailed string at Home Plate, insert the end of the tape measure into the nail and run the tape measure to 2nd Base.

11. Using the Softball BC Plate Measurement GUIDE review the Pitching Mound distance. (it you already have a secured Pitcher's Mound you can skip this step).

12. Put the front of the pitcher's mound at the measurement that is listed on the Softball BC Plate Measurement GUIDE document for your division.

13. Nail in the Pitcher's Mound with the attached nails.

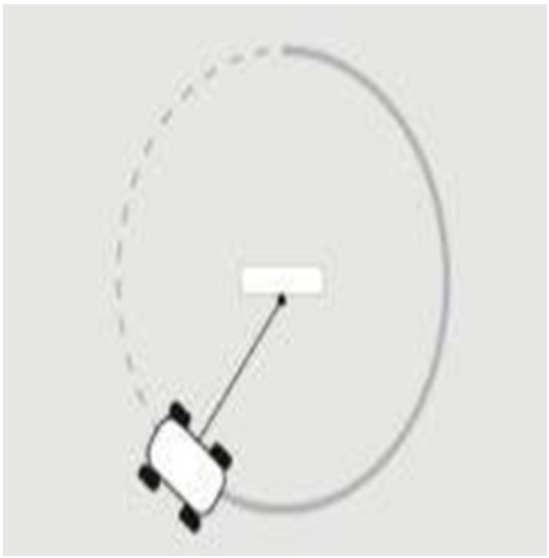




14. Remove the tape measure from the nail, have a helper hold one end of the tape measure in the middle of the pitcher's mound and draw a circle with the edge of the tape measure. (the measurement of the circle will be based on your division and can be found on the Softball BC Plate Measurement GUIDE)

15. Now that you have marked a circle with the edge of the tape measure (or nail) you are ready to draw in the line with the lining cart.

16. Using a nail, draw the batter's "deck" one on each side. (this is where the batter on deck will stand). These are positioned close to the fence at the end of the dugouts and are a 2.5 feet radius.





17. Now you need to add in the Coaches Box. These are added at the first and third base line. (refer to the Softball BC Plate Measurement GUIDE document for measurements)
18. The Coaches Box is 8 feet from the Foul Line at both 1st and 3rd base.
19. It runs down 15 feet and has a 3 feet line at either end facing away from the foul line.





20. The last line would be the Runners Lane. This is drawn at first base 3 feet away from the foul line and 30 feet down from tthe top of the first base. (Refer to the Softball BC Plate Measurement GUIDE document)

SOFTBALL BC 2025 AGE AND DISTANCE CHART

CATEGORY	AGE (PRIOR TO JANUARY 1ST OF THE CURRENT YEAR)	YEAR	BALL	PITCHING	BASELINES	FENCES (MIN-MAX)
FEMALE						
MASTERS*	35+	X	12"	43'	60'	210'-225'
MASTERS	45+	X	12"	43'	60'	210'-225'
*in Master Women's Fastpitch the minimum age will be 35 years of age in the year of the event.						
WOMEN A, B & C	X	X	12"	43'	60'	220'-235'
INTERMEDIATE A	X	X	12"	43'	60'	220'-235'
WOMEN D	X	X	12"	43'	60'	200'-210'
U20C	20 AND UNDER	2005 / 2006 / 2007	12"	43'	60'	200'-210'
U19 A & B	19 AND UNDER	2006 / 2007	12"	43'	60'	200'-210'
U17	17 AND UNDER	2008 / 2009	12"	43'	60'	180'-210'
U15	15 AND UNDER	2010 / 2011	12"	40'	60'	170'-210'
U13	13 AND UNDER	2012 / 2013	11"	38'	55'	160'-210'
U11	11 AND UNDER	2014 / 2015	11"	35'	45'	150'-210'
U9	9 AND UNDER	2016 / 2017	11"	30'	45'	150'-210'
U7	7 AND UNDER	2018 / 2019 / 2020	11"	30'	45'	150'-210'