Baseball Field Maintenance and Batting Cage Rules & Policies

Our most important responsibility is to ensure the safety of all our players at our park, which is accomplished in part by properly maintaining our baseball fields and batting cages

Coaches Daily Field checklist for games and/or practice

1. Remove tarps from the pitcher's mound and home plate areas. Do not drag them off the field. The best practice is to lift them off the field with at least 2 people. Ask the players to help as well. Tarps should be removed from the field of play and away from areas with pedestrian traffic to ensure they are not walked on, especially with cleats.
2. Prior to play, if required, lightly rake the infield skin (dirt surfaces). Remember to rake in the same direction of the baselines that the players run, not side to side. Never rake side to side between home plate and first/third base.
3. ALWAYS rake away from the grass. NEVER rake towards the grass.
4. Rake field when your game has ended. Both teams (Home and Away) are responsible for raking at the end of each game.
5. If you are last practice or the last game of the day please rake the field and replace the tarps on the pitcher's mound and home plate area for fields A, B, C and D. Note: the smaller tarps go on the pitcher's mound for field A, C and D; for Field B the tarps are the same size. Tarps should NEVER cover the grass.
6. No Food in Dugouts, no exceptions. There are picnic tables in close proximity to each field, please eat there.
7. Please use trash cans. Coaches are responsible for making sure the dugouts are clean after every practice and game. Please collect and throw out all drink bottles and other waste.
8. If you are the last game of the day please turn off the scoreboard and return scoreboard controller to the MSHYB Office.

Batting Cage Rules

1. NO FOOD, SEEDS OR GUM IN BATTING CAGES EVER.
2. DO NOT CLIMB OR STAND ON BATTING CAGE NETS.
3. DO NOT KICK or THROW ROCKS.
4. No Baseball Bags or Backpacks in Batting Cage Area. Bags and Backpacks must be left outside the cage entrance. Players only need a helmet and bat.
5. No Bat Swinging allowed while waiting to enter the batting cage.
6. Only one pitcher and one batter inside the individual cages.
7. Please throw out all garbage.
8. Please see the MSHYB General Rules for batting cage safety and usage guidelines and use of the batting cage reservation system.