



Serra Little League

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FIELD PREPARATION GUIDELINES CUPERTINO Jr. HIGH AND SAN ANTONIO FIELDS FARM DIVISION

1.0 GENERAL

- 1.1 **The Home team prepares the field before the game.** The Visitors take care of the Field after the game. If the Visitors get their first and take care of the prep, switch.
- 1.2 When warming up, please keep players in the outfield to avoid interfering with field preparation.
- 1.3 When taking infield, the coach and catcher should stand IN FRONT OF HOME PLATE so that the batter's boxes are not disturbed before the game.

2.0 FIELD PREP

- 2.1 **Lightly water down the infield.** This watering will cut down on dust, which helps maintain the correct dirt mixture through the season.
- 2.2 **Drag the infield.** Start on the outside and drag concentrically towards the pitcher's mound. **DO NOT run the drag over the edge of the outfield grass.**
- 2.3 **Fill in any holes in the batters box area** with the rake. The rakes are in the boxes at Cup. There is a rake in the box at San Antonio.
- 2.4 **Water down the infield.** Water the home plate area heavily to help pack down the batter's box area. There are water valves in the ground on both baselines at Cup, and the location is marked by a blue paint tick-mark on the wood base of the baseline fencing.
- 2.5 **Put in the bases**
- 2.6 **Draw in the batter's boxes.** There is a PVC guide in the storage box. The PVC pieces are linked together with string to aid assembly. Draw a line inside the template with a bat, remove the template, then paint the lines. Flip the template over, and do the same thing on the other side. (There is another sheet showing how to use the PVC template)
- 2.7 **Paint the baselines.** There is a hammer, string and spike in the box. Use the hammer to anchor the spike a few inches behind the back tip of home plate to run a line from the tip of home plate to the outfield grass. Align the string with the outside edge of the base. Do not paint inside the batters box; start where the line touches the outside edge of the batters box.

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3.0 FIELD CLEAN UP AFTER THE GAME

3.1 Water and Drag the infield as described above.

3.2 Check both dugouts and throw away any trash.

3.3 Pick up any left articles for the lost and found.

3.4 If you are the last game of the day, put away the bases.

3.5 Make sure any and all field prep equipment is in the storage boxes and the boxes are locked. The drag does not go in the box. Put it behind the storage box between the box and the fence at Cup.