



Field Maintenance:

The City of Toronto and North Toronto Baseball work very hard to ensure that each of our Parks are ready for play each week, but as we can tell from the experiences in the last few years, the volume of users for each field often leave the field conditions below where we would like. NT Baseball has taken the step of equipping each fieldhouse with the materials to ensure that coaches and parents can assist in maintaining the fields as necessary to ensure maximum safety and enjoyment each game. Each coach/parent has the option to do as much field maintenance & preparation as they deem necessary to ensure the safe and enjoyable for the players.

PRESEASON CHECKLIST: Review the following 'HOW TO' videos to understand how to prepare the field for play:

- ✓ Standing water management
- ✓ Infield Drag
- ✓ Baseline Chalking
- ✓ Mound repair
- ✓ Batter's Box repair
- ✓ Pitching Machine setup and operation

GAME DAY CHECKLIST: Please use this checklist to ensure safe and fun playing environment for all.

Field Setup

- ✓ Access equipment from storage
 - Bases
 - Pitching Machine (9U/8U)
 - Chalk equipment
 - Infield smoothing equipment
 - Rain Gear: Quick dry & Rake
 - Field Repair Gear: Clay/Gravel & Rake
- ✓ Install bases
 - Measuring point on each item ...
 - home plate is measured to the rear point of the plate
 - pitching rubber is measured to the front of the rubber
 - 1B & 3B are measured to the rear corner on the foul line
 - 2B is measured to the centre of the base

- Base measurements by age group
 - 8U, 9U Bases 60', mound 50', home plate to 2B 84' 10 ¼"
 - 10U, 11U Bases 65', mound 44', home plate to 2B 91' 11"
 - 12U, 13U Bases 75', mound 50', home plate to 2B 104' ¾"
 - 15U Bases 82', mound 55', home plate to 2B 115' 11 5/8"
 - 18U Bases 90', mound 60' 6", home plate to 2B 127' 3 3/8"

- Batters Box
 - is centered lengthwise with home plate
 - is 6' long, 4' wide and is 6" off the edge of the plate

- ✓ Install pitching machine (9U/8U)
 - chalk circle 8' in diameter should be drawn around the pitching machine
 - two chalk lines 4' in length at the release point
 - See attached

- ✓ Prepare field for play as necessary
 - INFIELD DRAG: 'drag' the infield until smooth and ready for play
 - CHALK BASELINES: chalk the 1st and 3rd baselines
 - STANDING WATER: disperse water with rake & use 'quick dry' to get field ready for play
 - MOUND REPAIR: use clay/gravel to repair rubber and landing area on mound.
 - BATTER BOX REPAIR: use clay/gravel to repair batters boxes.

- ✓ Locking up storage area

Field Breakdown

- ✓ Return equipment to Storage Shed
- ✓ Close and lock storage shed
- ✓ If there are significant groundskeeping issues (stolen equipment, significant field damage), please communicate to the league @ admin@ntbaseball.com