

Post-Event Diamond Responsibilities

The condition of our fields is EVERYONES RESPONSIBILITY and we need to take a greater sense of pride in the fields we play on. Optimist and Glenmore are two of the best 90-foot diamonds in Calgary and deserve a greater attention to detail.

1. All of the listed responsibilities are to be completed for games & practices

2. Both the home team AND visitors are responsible for diamond maintenance

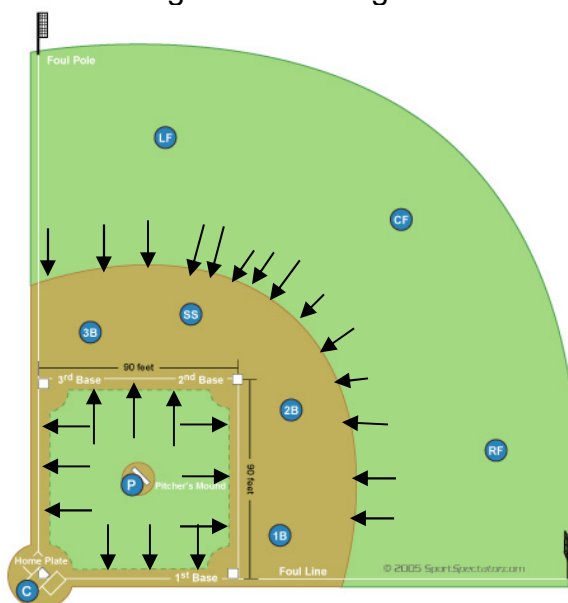
*Each team will maintain their own bullpen(s)

*Each team will sweep out their dugout when at Optimist

3. Complete field maintenance BEFORE team meetings

4. When time permits, use hoses to water infield before city drags; water is available at both fields

1. Brush shale from the inside and outside lips of the grass back onto the infield (see diagram – black arrows indicate areas to be brushed). This should be done after all games including consecutive games on weekends.



2. Rake and tamp the mound, plate, and bullpens

Loose shale should NOT be around the mound or plate because it is difficult to tamp. Use a boom to remove shale as this area needs to be mostly composed of clay.

-Remove loose clay from the holes



-Wet the clay until it is the consistency of gum

*Water is available at both diamonds

Optimist: hose at the end of 3rd base dugout (attaches to outlet under grey cover)

Glenmore: hose in green equipment bin has a quicklink to outlet behind mound under yellow cover

-Replace the clay and tamp it into the common "low spots" in 1 inch layers. After being tamped, the mound and plate should be broomed from the centre outwards with increasingly larger circles to level the ground. Pay particular attention to the:

-Area in front of the rubber

-Pitchers landing spot on the mound

-Both batters boxes

-Area behind the plate where the catcher sets up

This should be done after all games **including consecutive games on weekends**.

Do not forget to maintain the **bullpens**.

1. Remove loose shale and clay



2. Wet and replace clay in 1 inch layers



3. Continue to layer clay until holes are filled & flat



3. Collect the bases and return them to the lock box

4. Tarp the mound, plate, and bases (Optimist ONLY)



5. Sweep out your dugout and place shale back on warning track (Optimist only)

Glenmore mound properly tarped



Glenmore plate properly tarped



6. Lock up the batting cage, scorekeepers booth/clubhouse, and all gates. At Optimist, ensure that the bathrooms, umpires room, and concession are locked.

7. Turn off field lights

DOUBLE CHECK: that rolling window covers are closed and locked

The City of Calgary will:

1. **Drag the infield.** The City will NOT drag the baselines or plate area. Dragging the baselines and plate creates large lips and also puts large amounts of shale in areas that should be composed of clay. The baselines and plate are the responsibility of Babe Ruth Calgary players.
2. **Line the field.** We will maintain the plate area due to the access to clay, tamps, and ample amounts of manpower (i.e. players), but the City staff will put the foul lines and batters boxes down each day we have a game.
3. **Water the grass.** The City will keep the grass hydrated through the year.
4. **Drag/weed the track.** The City will keep the warning track clear and dragged.
5. **Cut grass.** Infield/outfield grass and all other associated field grass will be maintained by the City staff.