
BOROUGH OF GLEN ROCK

GROUNDS CREW

“WHAT TOO DO AND WHAT NOT TOO DO”

AFTER A HEAVY RAIN STORM THE BEST DRYING AGENT IS SUN AND WIND. HOWEVER IF GLEN ROCK’S GROUNDS CREW IS ABLE TO GET TO THE LOCATION DIRECTLY AFTER A STORM, AND FOLLOWS THE BELOW PROCEDURES, WE MAY BE ABLE TO GET THE FIELD IN A PLAYABLE CONDITION SOONER THAN LATER, THEREFORE CAUSING LESS GAMES TO BE CANCELLED.

PUMP OUT STANDING WATER IN THE INFIELD

1. DIG A SMALL HOLE IN THE MIDDLE OF THE PUDDLE AND PLACE THE PUMP IN THE MIDDLE.
2. PUMP THE WATER OUT OF THE HOLE AND INTO A BUCKET.
3. DUMP THE BUCKET OF WATER ON THE TURF **OUT of PLAY.**
4. KEEP THE SEDIMENT CLAY IN THE BUCKET AND DUMP IT BACK INTO THE **INFIELD.**

RAKING THE FIELD

1. RAKE THE INFIELD BEFORE EACH GAME **ONLY** IF THE CLAY IS **DRY.**
2. **NEVER** RAKE THE FIELD IF THE CLAY IS **DAMP or WET** AS IT WILL ONLY CAUSE IT TO CLUMP UP ON THE RAKE AND CAUSE MORE DAMAGE.
3. RAKE IN A **PUSH/ PULL** METHOD.
 - PULL THE RAKE TOWARDS YOU, AND THEN PUSH THE RAKE AWAY FROM YOU SO THE CLAY DOESN’T PILE UP.
 - KEEP THE FIELD AS FLAT AS POSSIBLE.
 - YOU CAN ALSO USE A PUSH BEHIND BROOM.
4. **NEVER** PUSH THE INFIELD CLAY INTO THE TURF.

APPLY INFIELD CONDITIONER (DRYING AGENT)

1. RAKE THE WET AREA OF THE INFIELD WITH AN INFIELD RAKE, TO OPEN UP THE CLAY PARTICLES.
2. **SPRINKLE** THE DRYING AGENT THROUGHOUT THE WET AREAS OF THE INFIELD.
 - **DO NOT** DUMP THE ENTIRE BAG INTO THE PUDDLE.
3. RAKE THE DRYING AGENT INTO THE WET AREA IN AN OPPOSITE MOTION AS EARLIER.

REMOVE STANDING WATER IN THE TURF

1. USE A BACKPACK OR HANDHELD BLOWER **ONLY** IN THE TURF AREAS OF THE BASEBALL FIELD TO REMOVE STANDING WATER.
2. USE THE BLOWER TO TRANSPORT WATER FROM THE LOW LYING WET AREAS TO THE HIGH LYING DRY AREAS OF THE FIELD.

RE-PAINT THE INFIELD LINES

1. AFTER SEVERAL GAMES OF PLAY, THE LINES MAY NEED TO BE RE-PAINTED.
2. EYE UP THE MACHINE WITH THE EXISTING LINE, AND WALK **QUICKLY.**

PAINTING THE BASES, HOME PLATE, AND PITCHERS RUBBER

1. FOR AESTHETIC PURPOSES ONLY, YOU CAN REPAINT ALL BASES, HOME PLATE, AND PITCHERS RUBBER WITH ATHLETIC FIELD PAINT, BEFORE EACH GAME.