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## **Purpose:**

The following document is intended to provide coaches and managers with a checklist of actions to ensure grounds are set up, packed down and repaired on training and game days.

The etiquette is that you should be that you leave the field in as good or better condition than you found it.

## **Training checklist:**

All junior teams training at Rat Park are required to maintain the fields they train on. This includes:

### **Field set up:**

- RP1/RP2/RP4/RP5/RP10: Bases and relevant equipment (e.g.bases/hammer/tape measure/base anchor digging tool) are located within the locked storage boxes within each diamonds dugout.
- RP6/RP9: All field gear (bases, home plate, etc) are located in the storage shed. Use one of the small 'wheelbarrows' hanging in the storage shed to take field equipment to the diamonds.
- RP6/RP9: These diamonds do not have extended foul line fencing or dugouts so awnings and benches are required for both the Home and Away teams.
- **DO NOT USE THE PITCHING MOUND on RP1 FOR PITCHING TRAINING / BULLPENS.** Bullpens should be done in the batting cages (or bullpens on RP1) to protect the mound for game days.

### **Field pack down:**

- Return base plugs to the base anchors (if missing notify: [gear@pittwaterbaseball.com.au](mailto:gear@pittwaterbaseball.com.au)).
- Return the field "wheelbarrow" to the storage shed and hang it up.
- Rake base paths and cutouts:
  - RP1: field rakes and brooms are in the lock-up box and base path 'drags' are locked up outside the 1<sup>st</sup> base dugout.
  - RP2/RP4: base path drags are locked up outside the 3rd base dugout.
- Rake home plate / batters boxes to fill foot holes. (For RP1: if the last team to train on senior fields it would be appreciated if the home plate area, and the batters boxes in particular, are watered so that they set hard. There are hoses on the fields for this purpose)
- Rake the pitchers mound and fill in any foot holes.
- Zooka only: ensure the Zooka and legs are returned to the rack separately, the power cable is plugged in and ensure the Zooka is charging.

**If any items such as base plugs, bases, measuring tape, astro turf etc are missing or damaged notify:**

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## **Game day checklist:**

- Take field 'wheelbarrow' over to relevant field (RP6/RP9 if they are used).
- If required, measure out base paths and pitchers plate:
  - **LL Major:**
    - Base paths: 60 feet from the tip of home plate to the outside edge of the base.
    - Pitchers plate: 46 feet from back tip of home plate to front of pitching plate.
  - **Zooka:**
    - Base paths: 60 feet.
    - Pitchers plate: 46 feet from back tip of home plate to front of pitching plate.
    - Zooka machine: centre stem positioned at 40 feet from the back tip of home plate and 2 feet, 6 inches towards 3<sup>rd</sup> base side.
    - Zooka speed: 40-43MPH.

### **Field set up (late game):**

- If not already there from early game, take field 'wheelbarrow' over to relevant field (RP6/RP9).
- If required, measure out base paths and pitchers plate:
  - **U9 and Little League Minor:**
    - Base paths: 60 feet from the tip of home plate to the outside edge of the base.
    - Pitchers plate: 46 feet from back tip of home plate to front of pitching plate.
  - **Junior League:**
    - Base paths: 80 feet from the tip of the home plate to the outside edge of the base.
    - Pitchers plate: 54 feet from back tip of home plate to front of pitching plate.

### **Field pack down (late game):**

- Return base plugs to the base anchors.
- Return the field 'wheelbarrow' to the storage shed and hang it up. Ensure 3 x bases, base digging tool, measuring tape and pitching plate and pins are returned.
- Rake base paths and cutouts:
  - RP1: field rakes, brooms are in the lock up box and base path drags are locked up on the outside of the dugout.
  - RP2/RP4: Field rakes are in the storage shed and base drags are locked up on the outside of the dugout.
- Rake home plate / batters boxes to fill foot holes
- Rake the pitchers mound and fill in any foot holes.

**On RP1 it is ESSENTIAL that the entire infield areas that have diamond sand) are raked for the use of Minor League in the afternoon.**

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