

# Miscellaneous Regulations for Hopkins Area Little League All Divisions

## **Home Team**

It is the responsibility of the home team to prepare the field. However, it is recommended both teams help with field preparation. This includes:

- Dragging and raking the field. Rake base paths length wise to keep aglime out of the grass.
- Applying turf-dry or draining water when necessary.
- Installing bases.
- Chalking baselines and the batter's box (only baselines need chalking in T-Ball).
- Setting up and testing the pitching machine (Minors B only).
- Installing bat racks and helmet bags in dugouts.
- Supplying both dugouts with water jugs and cups.
- Managers will meet 5 minutes before game time to make sure both teams are clear on the rules.

## **Visiting Team**

The visiting team is responsible for field clean up. However, it is recommended both teams help with take down of the fields.

If there is a game scheduled to follow, this includes:

- Putting away the pitching machine in the equipment shed.
- Raking the infield after all games and placing the rakes in the equipment shed.

If there is no subsequent game scheduled, this includes all the above items plus:

- Removing bases and installing base plugs.
- Returning bat racks, helmet bags, extension cord, and bases to announcer sheds.
- Turning off the scoreboard.
- Returning water jugs and unused cups to concession stand.
- Verifying equipment and announcer sheds are locked.
- Placing mound tarp on the mound – to be held down with chains.
- After the last game of the day the field must be raked.

## **Field Preparation**

- The coaching staff is responsible for all field preparation
- Use hose on hose cart to wet dirt.
- Rake aglime out of grass lip after dragging.
- Rake baselines and area around home plate
- Do not allow city workers to drag HALL infields.

## **Game Postponements and Cancellations**

- The division coordinator or league president will communicate rainouts and other postponements to managers and coaches. Rainouts and other postponements are at the discretion of the division coordinator and league president. It's strongly recommended that games should be postponed if the air temperature is below 40 degrees F at the starting time. The manager of each team is responsible for communicating postponements to the team members.

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- It is the home team manager's responsibility to reschedule the game with HALL's Scheduling Coordinator and make up games within two weeks of the original game date. Make-up dates and times must be cleared with the supervising umpire, league scheduler, and opposing team manager. Because of field availability, make-up or rainout games should be rescheduled as soon as possible.
- All postponed games must be rescheduled unless all of the following conditions apply:
  - Both managers agree to not reschedule the game (T-Ball, Minors B and Minors C).
  - The game does not impact the final division standings.
  - There is no available field space and/or time to reschedule the game.
  - Make up games take precedence over any practice that may be scheduled at Maetzold Field.

### **General Regulations**

- Managers in Minors B, Minors A, and Majors must also submit a copy of the roster to the announcer's shed prior to the game.
- The umpire will resolve any disputes that arise during the game. If the umpire requires assistance from the Officer of the Day to resolve any disputes, the Rules Committee will be notified for possible future rule changes.
- A copy of these all-divisional rules will be available in the concession stand. If a manager wishes to dispute any rule he/she must have a copy of the divisional rules, Official LL rules and Special Rules in his/her possession. Dispute procedures in the official regulations will apply to disputes over any division special rules.
- If a manager believes that compliance with any of these rules will be a safety risk to anyone, he/she should report the situation to a league officer/ board member to consider whether to waive or modify a rule.