



AstroTurf® Diamond Series™ Quick Reference Field Care & Maintenance – Baseball/Softball

The following information provides the basic things you (Athletic Directors, Coaches, Administrators, Maintenance Staff, Athletes and Parents) can do to keep your new field in great condition. This is not a replacement for the Owner's Manual provided upon completion of your installation.

The amount of general care and maintenance is minimal and really quite simple. Your attention should be focused on two main areas: Cleanliness and maintaining uniform infill depth. Home plate area, lead-off areas, sliding zones and the pitcher's mound must be addressed following each practice or game.

THE FOLLOWING ARE KEYS TO PRESERVING YOUR TURF SYSTEM

- ✓ Keep the field clean of all foreign objects: sunflower seeds, gum, tape, litter, sports drink spills
- ✓ While metal baseball cleats are acceptable for baseball and softball, players may prefer a molded cleat or turf shoe – these will prolong the life of the turf field
- ✓ Remove animal waste
- ✓ Control access to the field
- ✓ Keep adjacent areas free of litter, debris, mud, dirt and oil spillage
- ✓ Provide non-metal waste containers in team areas and in the spectator areas
- ✓ Post signs prohibiting smoking, sunflower seeds and gum on the field
- ✓ Set up drinks for athletes off the field itself, if possible
- ✓ Have access to water near the field for drinking and removal of typical “water borne” residues such as sports drinks, coffee, soft drinks, latex paint, food coloring, blood, vomit, urine, etc.
- ✓ Look for areas of wear on the field in locations that see the most action: batter's boxes, catcher's and umpire stance areas, pitcher's mound, lead-off areas, sliding zones, in front of the dugouts and bull pens. **These require daily attention!**
- ✓ Use AstroTurf 12 hitting mats for batting practice to limit wear and tear on home plate area
- ✓ If the infill level of a specific area in the field of play appears significantly low, correct immediately by adding infill by hand and brushing it into the turf then contact the maintenance staff.
- ✓ Avoid repeating the same drills in the same place on your field, vary the locations each day
- ✓ Repair minor damage immediately; call **AstroTurf** at **1-800-723-TURF (8873)** for major repairs
- ✓ Observe the detailed **AstroTurf** maintenance and cleaning procedures in the Owner's Manual

THE FOLLOWING ARE REMINDERS FOR YOUR STAFF, ATHLETES, TRAINERS AND PARENTS

- ✓ Expect elevated temperatures on the field
- ✓ Hydrate your body before, during and after your events
- ✓ Shake your uniforms to remove infill materials prior to washing

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