

# PROTECT YOUR

# INVESTMENT

You've invested in a high-quality

infield, protect it with these tips.

## — PRE-GAME DOs —

### MOUND / BATTERS BOX AREA

- **Sweep out** loose material from wear areas
- **Moisten** areas to be repaired
- **Add moist repair clay** to depressions and tamp thoroughly
- **Rake** a thin layer of topdressing over the entire clay area
- **Water area as needed** to maintain proper moisture content

### MOWING TIPS

- **Mow field** to a standard height as often as possible during the growing season
- **Never cut more than 1/3** of the top growth
- **Avoid mowing** in wet conditions
- **Keep mower blades sharp** — dull mower blades damage turf

### RAIN STRATEGIES

- **Remove puddles** immediately on game days
- **Use method** that will not displace infield mix
- **Lightly rake** damp areas to help drying
- **Sun, wind and low humidity** are your friends
- **Use drying agent** only when necessary
- **Drag & roll** infield skin to help drainage when rain is expected

### DRAGGING THE INFIELD

- **Drag or rake** base paths parallel to edges — *never* side to side
- **Remove bases** before dragging the infield
- **Vary drag patterns** to maintain surface grade
- **Keep nail dragging** depth between 1/4" to 1/2"
- **Screen drag** a dry field, cocoa mat a damp field

## — POST-GAME DOs —

### INFIELD SKIN LEVELING

- **Remove and plug** all bases and rake the base area level
- **Rake or level board** excess loose infield materials back into wear areas/low spots
- **Drag infield** and use a level board tool to redistribute heavy concentrations of topdressings

### ADDITIONAL INFIELD CARE

- **Fan rake**, sweep, or blow loose infield materials from turf edges to prevent lips
- **Heavily soak** infield skin at the end of the day for better performance, if resources permit
- **Water clay areas** around home plate and the mound to replace what has evaporated
- **Cover and secure** tarps to mound and home plate areas to manage moisture

## Field Maintenance DON'Ts

- **DO NOT** sweep, rake, or squeegee excess water off your infield skin
- **DO NOT** ever use cat litter or oil dry to absorb excess water on your infield
- **DO NOT** enter a field immediately after significant rain, allow natural drainage first

- **DO NOT** use a bolt drag on your infield
- **DO NOT** drive maintenance equipment on infield skin after rain until it is firm enough to walk on
- **DO NOT** deeply nail drag an infield after a rain — *ever!*
- **DO NOT** ever leave tarps on grass for any length of time when the sun is out



For any infield issues like standing water, please don't hesitate to call.

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