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As a community of faith, we are called to be stewards of the resources placed in our care. Whether we're in the gym, out at the park, or up in the bleachers, we all have a role in creating the right environment for our events. As part of our use agreement with the Department of Parks and Recreation of the City of Seattle, we have very specific Field Maintenance Protocols in terms of how we are to care for the facilities.

In addition to the Field Maintenance Protocols detailed below, park users should also understand:

1. No metal cleats or sunflower seeds on turf fields.
2. No pets on the field of play (this includes no dogs at Cross Country or Track and Field meets).
3. Please respect the designated parking areas and parking regulations of the schools, parishes, and parks where our events take place - in different cases this can cause an inconvenience to neighbors or safety hazard.
4. Violations could result in our losing the use of certain facilities.

## **SEATTLE PARKS & RECREATION (SPR) FIELD MAINTENANCE PROTOCOLS**

SPR has developed a plan for users to assist in maintaining the fields to reduce paying staff for extra time, as well as give the users some ownership over the care of the fields we use. Especially for the older grades, the post-game care of the field can be an important way to grow and develop leadership and the concept of stewardship in the team community. This is being implemented for every user in the City of Seattle and not just CYO Athletics soccer and baseball.

### **Soccer**

- SPR will still be lining and maintaining fields for practice dates. Synthetic, grass, and sand/dirt.
- SPR will continue to line all soccer fields with the sidelines and end lines. All non-synthetic.
- After the initial lining of goal boxes, center lines and center circles, users will be required to refresh those lines after each game. Users will be given access to those materials. All non-synthetic.
- For all synthetic fields users will be required to replace rubber and rake/roll in the high traffic areas (goal box areas and corner kick areas), after each game. Users will be given access to the rubber, rakes, and rollers.
- All users who will be maintaining the fields will need to be trained by watching SPR videos before they are able to do this.
- A list of all trained individuals must be sent to SPR once they are trained.

- The home team at each site is required to do this.

### **Baseball**

- On game dates the users will need to line the field, install the bases, and adjust and prepare the pitching mound and rubber. All supplies will be made available for this.
- SPR will still drag all fields
- Raking and repair of the mound, base path areas, and home plate will be required of the user after each game.
- Practice dates will be maintained by SPR.
- All users who will be maintaining the fields will need to be trained by watching SPR videos before they are able to do this.
- A list of all trained individuals must be sent to SPR once they are trained.
- The home team at each site is required to do this.

These are the basic parameters for each of the two sports we run that will be affected. For the non-synthetic fields maintenance will take about 15 minutes after each game, and about 10 minutes for the synthetic fields.

For baseball there will be a bit more involved with lining the field, and placing the bases, but as we will be given the supplies to make these repairs this gives us the opportunity to take better care of the fields we use.

As for the required training, the solution would be similar to the Lystedt Law training. In order to make it as painless for our coaches as possible, train as many as we can in one sitting, and be able to use this opportunity to easily comprise a list of trained individuals we can send to SPR we will be showing these videos at the coaches meetings. Keep in mind, if these fields are not refreshed and repaired after every game we will lose the right to use these fields.

Once again, the home team is required to do this, and this will not affect practices, as SPR is doing all the work on those days.

If you have more specific questions please contact Ross Brownell, CYO Athletics staff in charge of scheduling fields.

Below are the links to the videos SPR currently has in place. These may change or be updated.

- <http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=W6y2S5MvmXs>
- <http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=RFVchpkYTfY>
- <http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=VGmWdEmS9f4&feature=related>
- <http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=OO1Wldr-tI4&feature=related>
- Line Marker Training Video: <http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=arbkLnGXWLC>

### **WE NEED MORE FIELDS!**

Friends of Athletic Fields (FAF) is a group devoted to fixing up existing and building new fields to ensure space for everyone to play. CYO Athletics is a vital part of this community-wide effort and welcomes your support to make this goal a reality.

For more information, please contact your parish or school athletic director or the CYO Athletics office.

Please look for and support FAF events throughout the year. Help us make the dream come true!