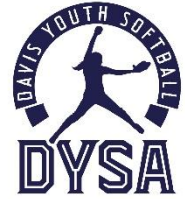


# DYSA Field Prep Training 2024



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## Detailed guide

“Field Prep Info” PDF at <https://davisyouthsoftball.org/downloads> (note that a few items need to be updated from 2019).

## Basic Tenets

TAKE CARE OF ALL OF YOUR EQUIPMENT - IT'S FOR YOUR KIDS!

LEAVE STORAGE CONTAINERS CLEAN AND ORGANIZED FOR THE NEXT TEAM.

IF SOMETHING IS MISSING, BROKEN OR IN LOW SUPPLY, IMMEDIATELY LET SOMEONE KNOW.

IF YOU MOVE EQUIPMENT TO ANOTHER FIELD OR CONTAINER, IT MUST BE RETURNED IMMEDIATELY.

TURN THE TRACTORS ALL THE WAY OFF WHEN DONE.

## Storage Unit Tour

- Shed Code
- Opening containers and boxes
- Special items of note in each storage container
- Notes about storage units at different fields: Comm B, Comm Lit, Comm A, MRP N/S, SHP
- Retrieving equipment for field prep

## Initial Field Prep (first game of the day) w/suggested order of operations

*Allow 45-60 mins. Should be finished at least 30 mins prior to game start.*

- Pack divots at pitching circle, batters boxes, and catcher's area
- Drag infield with tractor and mat (see notes below)
- Water with sprinklers (quick connect @Community and SHP, automatic at MRP – lock code)
- Install pitching rubber @proper distance from tip (back) of home plate to front of rubber (see table below)

- Scratch out batters' boxes, pitching circle, on-deck circles (important for safety)
- Chalk batters' boxes, baselines, pitching circle, on-deck circles, and infield line (6U and 8U only, 10 ft behind basepaths).
- Install bases (locate with fence paint markers; keep track of rubber stoppers)

### **In-between Successive Games w/ suggested order of operations**

*10-15 mins, if schedule and umpire allow*

- Pack divots and rake at pitching circle, batters boxes, and catcher's area if necessary
- Hand drag, rake or brush along basepaths as time allows
- Water if field is dry and as time allows
- Re-chalk batters boxes, baselines, and pitcher's circle where necessary

### **After Games**

- Pull bases and re-install rubber stoppers
- Pull pitching rubber if not permanent (do not rip rubber)
- Return all equipment to storage container, and leave in proper places. Leave only bases in the wagon.
- Leave storage containers clean and orderly for next team.
- Make sure tractor ignition switch is in "OFF" position.
- Lock storage containers
- Notify fields committee if any equipment or supplies need attention

#### ***Special Note about DSHS Varsity***

***Field:*** DYSA occasionally hosts games at "Varsity." This field has special requirements. Check with your coach or Fields Committee before doing any prep or maintenance.

### **Tips on Using Tractors and Drag Mats**

- Slight differences between tractors
- Disengaging engine (neutral) from back (some tractors only)
- Drag mats are HEAVY and can be SHARP. Use caution, get help and use proper lifting technique.
- Stay 3 feet away from fences and grass/infield edge.
- Avoid getting chain caught in axle with sharp turns. Immediately stop, put in neutral, and back up.
- Keep red rock on the field.
- Avoid or be very careful dragging over home plate, base plugs, and sprinkler valve boxes.
- If infield is severely compacted ("like cement"), let us know so we can water and nail drag.
- If red gas cans are empty or near-empty, let Fields Committee know ASAP.

**Important Dimensions**

**Pitching Rubber Distance**

Age	Distance from tip (back) of home plate to front of pitching rubber	Permanent pitching rubber?
6U	No pitching rubber or circle	
8U	30 feet	
10U	35 feet	
12U	40 feet	@ Comm B
14U and up	43 feet (full distance)	@ Comm Lit, SHP, MRP-N and MRP-S

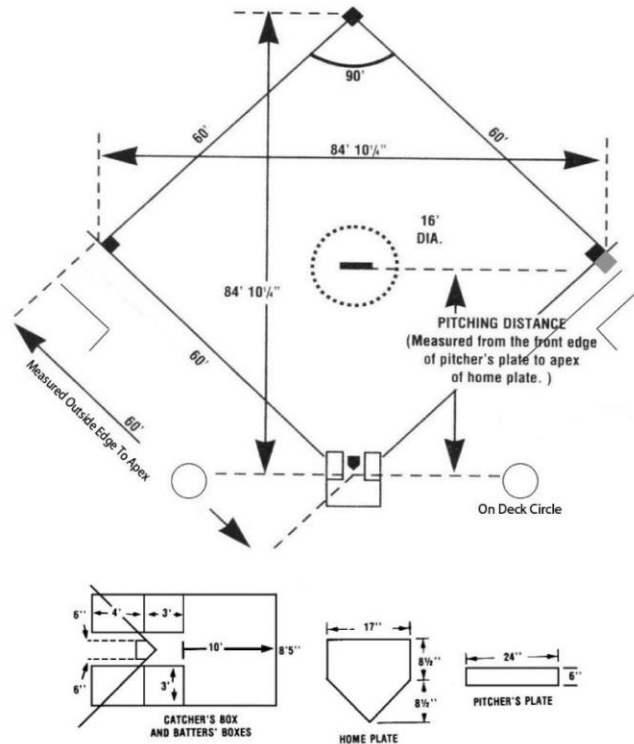
**Pitcher's Circle:** 8 ft radius from center-front of pitching rubber

**Distance between bases along basepath:** 60 ft for all age levels

**Home plate to 2<sup>nd</sup> base and 1<sup>st</sup> to 3<sup>rd</sup> base:** 84' 10"

**Infield marker (6U and 8U only):** 10 feet behind basepath

**Batter's circle:** 2.5-foot radius. As close to fence as possible for safety. Usually just past dugout entry.



**Location of Sprinkler Valve Box**

Field	Distance behind permanent pitching rubber
Comm A	10'8" behind permanent pitching rubber (@43 ft)
Comm B	3' behind permanent pitching rubber (@40 ft)
Comm Lit	? behind permanent pitching rubber (@43 ft)
Slide Hill Park	9' behind permanent pitching rubber (@43 ft)
Mace Ranch Park - South	N/A – automatic sprinklers. Switch located in 3 <sup>rd</sup> base dugout
Mace Ranch Park North	N/A – automatic sprinklers. Switch located in 1 <sup>st</sup> base dugout