SPECIAL REPORT

Seven Field Maintenance Secrets

Transforming Your Baseball or Softball Field into a Winning Field

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Helping You Master Field Maintenance

A good sports field goes unnoticed

But...

A bad sports field, on the other hand, has the power to ruin all your efforts

Dedicated to sports field users

This is dedicated to those who wish to have their sports field safer, more playable, and looking a little better.

You've worked on your team and program; basically you've been working your butt off. The last thing you want to hear is that you haven't got a nice looking field.

However, deep down you also see that the hard work you put into your team isn't shining through on the field like you'd hoped for.

Well, it can and it will. This special report is dedicated to the success of your team. Let me show you how... in an easy, quick and uncomplicated manner.

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Overview

After all the mumble-jumble of introductions, terms of use, and copyrights you'll find this special report to be setup in a very practical way. Let me walk you through the steps that will give you maximum field maintenance benefit.

First, I considered how you would need to approach your sports field without feeling that you need to redo everything. That made me come up with a step by step approach to making a better field for better play.

I'll work with you from a broad approach right down to the smaller elements of your sports field. This approach guarantees the most effective and fastest sports field improvements.

Secret 1 Develop a plan that's right for you

Baseball field maintenance success begins by setting clear, obtainable goals. Do the right things for your sports field so it is safer, more playable, and nicer looking.

Secret 2 Organize your work activities

We show you how to have a successful project with clear directions and examples.

Secret 3 Your marketing message

Think you can get support and donations without a marketing message? Sorry, but a good marketing message plays a major part in getting the equipment and supplies you need.

Secret 4 Turf maintenance

The secret to a good turf maintenance program is in organizing the work around the needs of the player. Make sure the ball bounces true and consistent and that you have good drainage.

Secret 5 Baseball Dirt and its condition

Bad hops and loose footing can ruin a game. We'll show you how to eliminate both of these.

Secret 6 Proven equipment and quality materials

The secret of getting the most out of what you put into maintaining or upgrading your baseball field lies in using the right equipment, tools, and materials for exactly what you are trying to do.

Secret 7 Ongoing maintenance to protect your investment

We'll show you the best tips and hints to maintain your field as well as show you common mistakes to avoid.

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Tell me What You Think

When it comes to sports field maintenance, you better realize that views and opinions from outside can help make things better for you. Well, the same applies to this special report.

Therefore, I want to invite you to send me your feedback. Let me know how it's been useful. Yes, I'm open to criticism. All feedback helps make amendments or add-ons to the report, so eventually more field users create better fields for better play.

Email any comments, feedback, or information. You can also visit my site and use the contact form.

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Jim welcomes those who seek him out to improve their ball fields to increase safety and playability. He devotes his efforts to training coaches, players, and parents of all levels of youth baseball and softball to use their existing field and turn it into a safe, high performance field.

His efforts -- both in groups and one-on-one -- transform ball fields to give your athletes the opportunity to perform at their highest levels.

Jim has completed projects from minor upgrades to major renovations for all levels of baseball and softball from T-Ball to College and everything in between. Prior to working in the corporate setting, he was a groundskeeper for the Texas Rangers AAA team.

He has been recognized for his efforts as the Sunrise Little League Volunteer of the Year for 2006 and the Outstanding City Volunteer by The City of Santa Cruz for 2005.

A quality baseball experience is possible. He believes in giving back to make a difference for others. Creating great ball fields is just one way he invests in our youth and to help create lifelong habits for success.

Jim sums up his guide in five phases.

Evaluation -- Plan -- Action -- Results -- Celebration!

"With this Guide, you not only have the power to create a great baseball experience... you have the power to make a difference. How about using that power... to make a difference?"

"God Bless YOU and YOURS!"

Jim

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Introduction

You might feel that you need to be born with the skills of a groundskeeper to be able to create a great baseball field or softball field. But that's not entirely true...

Don't let me fool you! Groundskeeping talent helps and naturally it always shines through in the long run. However, there's a foundation that's needed for any field to be successful. Once you're familiar with that foundation, it's skill, talent, and experience that will take you and your team to the next level.

You don't need to become a professional groundskeeper. You do, however, need to be familiar with a few practicalities in sports field maintenance. I'll show you how to avoid common mistakes and how to apply tips and hints to make a better field for better play.

No fancy stuff or hype here. After reading this, you can easily improve your sports field safety and playability and have a field you are proud of.

But... in the end... it's up to you!

This Special Report

This special report, Seven Field Maintenance Secrets, Transforming Your Baseball Field or Softball Field into a Winning Field is a collection of sports field maintenance guidelines from the most successful turf managers. I have used and tested every one of these secrets. If you're a coach, parent, athletic director, or player, this report will change the way you think about how to care for your players and your sports field.

Over the past five years, thousands of players have benefited from the field maintenance secrets revealed in this special report. While some sports fields have turned into safety and playability nightmares, others have turned into a field of dreams. What made the difference?

About five years ago, we began to study and test precisely what sports field maintenance practices work best—what techniques and practices distinguish the best sports fields from the mediocre and those that are horrible.

Seven Field Maintenance Secrets, Transforming Your Baseball Field or Softball Field into a Winning Field resulted from years of in-depth research and direct experience with of dozens of highly successful (and not-so-successful) field maintenance habits. Dozens of coaches, players, and parents— baseball fans like you—studied under professionals and put these ideas into practice while renovating over a dozen sports fields. Here's what we found:

- Better fields do indeed result in better play
- Field maintenance success is based on best practices
- You can model and replicate these techniques on your own sports field and achieve similar results.

Develop a Plan That's Right for You



Baseball Field Maintenance Secret #1

Here's a big promise: The Guide, when executed with passion and diligence, can transform any baseball or softball field into a field of dreams.

Baseball field maintenance success begins by setting clear, obtainable goals. Of the more than 20 baseball and softball fields I've worked with, seven best practices distinguished them from all others. Among the most common traits was a decision to develop a plan. This plan to fix problems and make improvements is then supported through day-to-day activities that implement the overall plan.

Do the right things for your sports field so it is safer, more playable, and nicer looking. You probably have some specific things in mind when you think about your ballpark. But a comprehensive audit will give you a well-rounded look at all the problems and improvements you can work on.

Here's how to develop a plan. Start with an audit of your ballpark. The audit should cover a minimum set of topics. Take notes as you walk around your ballpark. I usually take some pictures also. The "before" and "after" pictures help encourage people to stay involved in ongoing care of the field.

Do you have to 'sell' your maintenance and improvement project to board members, athletic directors, or a booster club? This audit is exactly the tool you need. It helps you thoroughly identify your problem areas and improvement needs. It helps you focus on specific actions required to make your field safer and more playable.

Use the audit checklist for your preseason planning or pre-tournament or playoff planning. You can really use it anytime to give you an idea how your ball park is doing.

Your ballpark audit should cover the following at a minimum:

- √ Infield Dirt Playing Surface: infield dirt, base paths and sliding areas, the mound, home plate, batter boxes, infield lips, and the warning track.
- √ **Infield Turf Playing Surface:** bare spots, sprinklers, grass edges, density and quality, irrigation, thatch, uneven surfaces, ruts, other vegetation besides grass.
- √ General Playing Surface: condition of maintenance equipment, sprinkler boxes, drainage, unsafe debris, history of accidents, alterations, field to specs.
- √ Bases and Anchoring: base ground stake, concrete footing, bases, home plate, pitcher rubber, don't forget the bullpens.
- √ Fencing: posts, footings, caps, rails, gaps, bottom of fencing, gates, protrusions, backstop, outfield fences.
- √ Spectator Areas: seating area, guard railing, walking surfaces, steps, gaps in seating, nuts & bolts protruding, other hazards sticking out.
- √ **General Safety:** foul lines, chalking, signage, construction areas, concessions, parking, protective equipment.
- √ Dugouts: fencing, benches, equipment, waste containers, player area.
- √ **Lighting:** lighting system, bulbs, utility poles.
- √ Other Hazards:

For a comprehensive checklist including the specific evaluation for each item listed above as well as daily and annual maintenance topics, see this page on my site:

www.ultimate-baseball-field-renovation-guide.com/baseball-field-checklist.html

Organize Your Work Activities



Baseball Field Maintenance Secret #2

Organizing your work activities is the key to successful efforts. We can show you how to have a successful work day with clear directions and examples.

Once you've completed the ball park audit, you are now ready to plan your work project(s). You'll need to assemble a list of what it takes to show everyone what you can do.

Your project may need rental equipment, field tools, materials, perhaps some heavy equipment, and some laborers. That's a good list, but not enough to start yet. You probably need some money and you need an idea how much time this will take. In addition you need to know whether you can immediately play on the field or not depending on what you do.

Here's an example of a renovation plan for a high school baseball field:

Baseball Field Maintenance

August or March

- 1. Spray weeds with roundup on dirt and perimeter areas to kill the nut grass and crab grass
- 2. Mow
- 3. Water
- 4. Aerate in two directions
- 5. Break up the aeration cores by mowing or dragging with a mat
- 6. Spread sand at a rate of 6 tons / acre (43,000 sq ft)
- 7. Spread grass seed at a rate of 5 6 pounds / 1000 sq ft
- 8. Blend and force material into aeration holes with mat drag
- 9. Add fungicide and insecticide if possible
- 10. Fertilize with starter fertilizer (6-20-20) at rate of one 50 lb bag for every \(\frac{1}{4} \) acre (10,000 sq ft)
- 11. Spread compost
- 12. Water: keep moist water 2-3 times per day for 2-3 weeks;
- 13. Spot seed as needed
- 14. Mow in 3 weeks and then as needed to remove top 1/3.
- 15. 8 wks after planting, use weed n feed to eliminate weeds that were present at start of process; use 16-6-8 with trimec
- 16. Feb put out pre-emergent 12-8-16 Barricade (do this in August also, if not over seeding at the time)
- 17. Water in the middle of the night so it doesn't evaporate off

And here's an example of the deliveries of materials and equipment for the work day at a softball field.

12 yards of 100% pro baseball field clay

Kubota will tiller and loader





3 ton steamroller



Aerator and sod cutter





And here's an example of the detail work activities to improve the playing surface for a softball field.

Adding clay to the playing field to improve footing and bounces

- 1. Lightly till the top 4 inches of the playing field.
- 2. Spread 10 tons of clay over the field. Rake and drag level. Till it into the top 3-4 inches.
- 3. Lightly spray with water. Let it absorb and dry a bit on top.
- 4. Roll with a steam roller.
- 5. Drag slowly twice.
- 6. Ready for competitive play!







For more detailed examples of work projects, see this page on my site: www.ultimate-baseball-field-renovation-guide.com/baseball-field-projects.html

Develop Your Marketing Message



Baseball Field Maintenance Secret #3

You're ready to whip that field into shape. All you need is a little money and you are set! Do you start making calls, sending out letters, calling parent meetings? Do you start fund raising by selling t-shirts, hats, and signs? Maybe. Maybe not.

Think you can get support and donations without a marketing message? Sorry, but a good marketing message plays a major part in getting the equipment, supplies, and support you need.

The way you acquire the equipment and supplies for your maintenance projects is critical if you have limited funding.

From my experience as a past president of a baseball booster club, you will have a better long term success funding your baseball field projects if you start with your 'reason for being.' This becomes your fund raising message.

Think this through. You'll use this to market your program. In the marketing world this is sometimes called the USP (unique selling proposition) or the 'reason for being.' A fund raising message without a reason for being is just too vague to get many folks to commit money to your program.

Here's how you come up with a clear statement for program's reason for being. This works whether it's little league, PONY, high school, or college. Whether it's boys or girls. Whether it's baseball, softball, or any other sport or activity.

Complete the sentence below: (this helps you develop your fund raising message)

"My program helps (whom?) do (what?) better than any other program in the world by (how?)."

Here's how I used this for a youth baseball team I worked with: Draft ideas:

- $\sqrt{}$ We teach young men to take personal responsibility
- $\sqrt{}$ Where young men learn to succeed
- $\sqrt{}$ Helping you in life and getting ready to go out in the real world
- √ A Christian moral environment to establish a young man's lifelong habits for success
- √ Help establish a young man's lifelong habits for success

I worked with these to complete the sentence like this:

"This program helps young men develop life long habits for success by combining athletics, character building, and personal responsibility. The program is run by experts who don't just teach baseball, but have demonstrated success with 6 straight years of championships and 7 players with college scholarships."

You need to think about your own program and complete the sentence. Develop your own fund raising message.

I worked with this and settled on two short phrases:

- Developing lifelong habits for success
- Helping young men develop lifelong habits for success

I put one of these two ideas into every flyer, every handout, every fundraising letter, and every verbal message about the team whether it was for fundraising or not. I used it so often it just became part of what I said about the program.

Want more? To learn more about fundraising concepts, tips & hints, and how to get discounts and donations, see this page on my site:

www.ultimate-baseball-field-renovation-guide.com/baseball-field-funding.html

Use a Professional Turf Maintenance Program



Baseball Field Maintenance Secret #4

Successful sports field groundskeepers use a proven turf maintenance program. This turf maintenance program is designed to

- make sure the ball bounces true and consistent on the turf and
- provide good drainage on the field.

The secret to this turf maintenance program is in organizing the work around the needs of the player, which means fewer errors and a winning season for you. This 10-step program is used by the most successful baseball field groundskeepers keep their fields in tip-top shape.

- Step 1: **Mow the field.** Mow it short because you won't be mowing again for three weeks.
- Step 2: **Mark the sprinklers so you don't hit them**. Use sprinkler flags. Put them on the side of the sprinkler closest to the dirt area. That way you know exactly where the sprinkler head is.
- Step 3: **Aerification.** Once the field is dry enough, core aerify in two directions diagonally, creating an X pattern. Allow the plugs to dry, but do not remove. Aerating is the most important step for turf maintenance in this entire checklist.
- Step 4: **Edging the grass.** This is a good time to edge the field also. Measure and mark the cutouts with spray paint or use a stringer and follow the edge. Remove the sod scraps.
- Step 5: **Topdressing.** Aerification is followed by topdressing. One purpose of topdressing is to smooth the surface just as they do on golf greens. At a minimum, topdress with sand. A sand and compost mixture works well also.

Step 6: **Seeding.** After the topdressing is applied, seeding should follow. Don't skimp on grass seed, make sure it is certified. Try to keep about a half a bag of infield and outfield seed for spot seeding later.

Step 7: **Dragging.** Now that the field has been aerated, the cores have sat for a while, a topdressing application has been completed and seeding has been done, these materials must be blended. This is best accomplished by dragging the turf with your infield skin drag. This is the "magic" step that levels your turf subsurface.

Step 8: **Fertilization.** After the above process has been completed, it is necessary to fertilize. In this case, a starter fertilizer is recommended to get the seed to start growing faster.

Step 9: **Irrigation.** Irrigation must immediately follow. To water, wet the entire field, but do not soak the field to where puddling may occur.

Step 10: **Spot Seeding.** After 1 to 1-1/2 weeks, the seed should be germinating. It is essential to spot seed any areas where there is thin growth caused by inconsistent watering patterns or thunderstorms.

This entire turn maintenance program is found in the Turf Maintenance section on my site. It includes:

- step by step instructions,
- quantities and types of seed & fertilizer,
- tips and hints,
- common mistakes to avoid,
- equipment needed, and
- visuals

www.ultimate-baseball-field-renovation-guide.com/baseball-turf-maintenance.html

Understand Baseball Dirt and Its Condition



Baseball Field Maintenance Secret #5

Baseball dirt and its condition are two key factors in firm footing and good bounces.

Even if you have a great looking grass area, if your dirt areas are lumpy, bumpy, and players loose their footing, you won't have the top notch game you want.

The difference between a so-so and an excellent groundskeeper is really how they manage the moisture in the field dirt areas. Let me explain how you can apply this to your baseball or softball field.

The turf gets a lot of attention because it is so noticeable to anyone looking at the field. But most of the infield action happens on the dirt area. Bad hops and loose footing can ruin a game. You can eliminate both of these.

The nice thing about improving the dirt areas is that you don't need to interrupt play and you get immediate results that players benefit from.

Here's what professionals do to maintain their dirt areas of the sports field:

Analyzing your dirt mix - Analyzing your dirt composition lets you know what your dirt problem is and know what you need to do to fix it. This analysis is primarily used for your infield dirt mix. Youth sports fields seem to work best with a mix something like this: 30% clay, 45% silt, 25% sand. As play gets more competitive, the mix becomes something like this: 60% clay, 40% sand. The more competitive the play, the harder the surface.

Correcting dirt mix problems - Most baseball fields benefit from extra dirt every year or so. It just seems to blow away or get washed away eventually. Add the right product to get the best mixture for a safe and playable field. However, just dumping another 5 tons of crushed red brick on the field is probably not the right material or the right way to do it. New material needs to be

Stay up to date with Baseball Field Maintenance practices www.ultimate-baseball-field-renovation-guide.com Copyright © - Field Maintenance Secrets by Jim Reiner incorporated into the existing field mix. After mixing it in, the material needs to be firmed up for good footing.

Warning track maintenance - I hope you have a warning track between your field area and things you don't want players to run into. Make a warning track of the materials and depth that works. Cheap decomposed granite or path fines work on youth fields. Professionals often use 1/8 inch crushed red brick that is rolled flat.

The mound - Prevent injuries and keep the mound solid and free from giant holes. I think many coaches never pitched or they wouldn't possibly expect their players to use such crappy mounds. A good mound is high in clay, has a solid base for the pitcher to land on, and is kept from drying out. That's why baseball dirt maintenance is so important.

Home plate - Next to the mound, it appears that many coaches were never batters either or they wouldn't expect their players to use such crappy batter boxes full of holes and loose dirt. The same principles for the mound apply here.

Base paths – Base paths need to provide good footing for running. At the higher competitive levels, the base paths have a higher clay content and are kept smooth and firm. Prevent lip buildup by dragging properly. And as an added benefit, if you take care of your base paths right, you avoid puddles. Drag and rake the long way, not across the base path. Ah, yes, another benefit from good baseball dirt maintenance practices.

Fixing & preventing lip buildups - You might play on a field with dirt buildups around the base paths, around the bases, or at the outfield grass line. Guess what? You can prevent most of these. When you drag your infield dirt areas, don't let the drag overlap onto the grass. And you might be able to fix lip buildups a lot faster than you'd ever believe... in under 1 hour and play on it immediately. Yup, removing lips is part of good baseball dirt maintenance.

Want more? Each step of baseball field dirt care is described including bonus tips & hints as well as common mistakes to avoid. See this page on my site:

www.ultimate-baseball-field-renovation-quide.com/baseball-dirt-maintenance.html

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Use Proven Equipment and Quality Materials



Baseball Field Maintenance Secret #6

Using proven equipment and quality materials increases your project success and improves the playing experience. The secret of getting the most out of what you put into maintaining or upgrading your ball field lies in using the right equipment, tools, and materials for exactly what you are trying to do.

Good machines make the job a lot easier. You don't want to end up wrestling with equipment or suffer the disappointment of a job taking longer than it should.

Baseball field equipment selection can be critical.

Aerators - Mechanical, self-propelled core aerators are recommended. If you only do one thing to improve your turf, this is it - aerate.

Mowers - Mow according to grass type and grass height. From walk-behind to riding to multiple rotors to self-propelled, there are a lot of machines. Reel mowers work best for short infield grass, but rotary mowers have the advantage of collecting clippings easier.

Sod Cutters and Edgers – You want to reduce lip buildup and keep the edge looking nice. This one tool can make an immediate change in the safety, playability, and looks of your field. Yup, the sod cutter is a surprisingly good part of your arsenal of baseball field equipment and tools.

Spreaders for seed and fertilizer - Walk behind cyclone spreaders are preferred for even coverage. The hard part is getting the right setting to spread the right amount of seed or fertilizer.

Rollers - Roll the dirt and the turf to keep it level and firm. A steamroller across your grass? Yes! One of the tricks of the trade. A lawn roller will work as well.

Thatchers - Remove dead grass, but you can also use it for shallow tilling and light weed removal on your dirt areas. This machine can even help with your edging where you have an established edge.

Tractors - A tractor with a loader, rear tiller, and a hitch will multiply your efforts. Use it to move or spread large amounts of dirt, sod scraps, or to level large areas.

Assorted Tools - Adequate field maintenance requires an assortment of tools. But with only a few you can do just about anything. The basics: field rakes, shovels, wheelbarrow, and a hose for watering.

Baseball field products make the job standout.

- Baseball dirt mixes What kind of dirt mix do you use on the different parts of the field? Or do you just put the same mix everywhere? The more competitive the player use, the more clay content is the general rule. And to be safe and playable, your baseball dirt needs to be level and firm.
- Fertilizer Help your seed, sod, and turf to grow thick and healthy. You need the right kind of fertilizer at the right times of the year in the right amounts. The biggest boost for your turf comes from using starter fertilizer when you overseed in the spring. This fertilizer, 6-20-20, helps grass grow thick and green without making it grow long too fast.
- Sand This is one of the secret ingredients to a turf subsurface that is level, drains well, and is healthy. But don't use just any sand. The infield turf needs topdressing sand. The same kind that is used on golf courses. At a minimum, your topdressing mix should include sand.
- Seed A sports field has to have the right grass seed. And not just any seed will do. It needs to look nice, but it better be good to play on and something that is right for your climate. Sports turf mixtures work best for infields. Depending on climate, this could be 80% rye and 20% bluegrass, or Bermuda grass. It's not unusual for the infield and the outfield to be a different grass type. An outfield might be 80% fescue and 20% bluegrass.

Sod - One way to repair or rejuvenate your damaged turf is to use sod. And sports field sod needs to be installed so it can withstand the sudden starts and stops of your players. The downside to using sod is that you have to stay off it for 2-3 weeks so it can take root.

Topdressing for your Turf - The right topdressing mix of topsoil, sand, and compost helps resist compaction and helps the root zone of your turf. It also helps you smooth out the ruts, holes, and undulations in the grass. The key to getting the most out of using an application of topdressing is to core aerate the turf beforehand and then pull a hand drag over the topdressing afterwards.

Want more? Selecting equipment and products is described in detail including bonus tips & hints as well as common mistakes to avoid. See these pages on my site:

www.ultimate-baseball-field-renovation-guide.com/baseball-field-equipment.html www.ultimate-baseball-field-renovation-guide.com/baseball-field-products.html

To see baseball field equipment in action, see the project gallery at:

www.ultimate-baseball-field-renovation-guide.com/baseball-field-projects.html.

Proper Ongoing Maintenance Practices



Baseball Field Maintenance Secret #7

Proper ongoing maintenance practices help you keep your field in top shape and protect the hard work you put into it.

Knowing what to do can be confusing—and many baseball fields, despite sincere efforts of coaches and parents, are actually made worse by improper or lack of field maintenance.

For example, let's look in depth at care for the infield dirt area.

I know you want to give your athletes the opportunity to perform at their highest level. What you want to do is maintain your infield dirt to ensure good footing, true and consistent bounces, and proper drainage if it rains.

Proper infield dirt care is really all about moisture management. You don't want it hard as concrete or as fine as flour dust. Both extremes are lousy to play on. And the fans and umps hate to breathe dust all game long too. Give them a break as well.

How you do this:

- Remove the bases and any junk from the field like sticks, rocks, or grass clippings.
- Lightly moisten the infield skin or dirt area in preparation for dragging.
- Nail drag or spike drag slowly.
- Slowly drag the field with a metal mat drag. This loosens the surface and levels any low spots. Keep the drag at least 6 inches from the grass edge to prevent lip build up.

Tips & Hints

- Change the direction of dragging frequently to prevent constant buildup at the same places. The spiral dragging method is usually the best for not causing buildups.
- Use a field rake along the grass edge to level it. If dirt gets on the grass area, use a plastic fan rake to get it out.
- Plastic fan rakes work better than metal. Less damage to grass roots when getting the dirt back on the infield skin.
- Don't just drag before practice or a game. Drag afterwards and you'll have a better field. If you don't, the foot marks harden from the overnight dew or rain. You'll have to work harder the next day.
- Use a roller on the dirt after adding and mixing in a truckload or after using a spike drag to fill in large indentations. The roller helps the added material settle so players are not swimming it in. Rolling also helps provide good footing and bounces.

Mistakes to avoid

- Always entering and exiting the field at the same place with the drag. It's not unusual for a field to have a lump or high place at 3B or 1B where the drag always stops. The result: leaving a dirt build up.
- Biggest mistake not dragging before or after games and practices. Just letting it go to pot.
- If you pull a drag behind a tractor, don't drive too fast. It doesn't smooth it out and causes build up on the turns.
- And, of course dragging past the dirt onto the grass is a very bad idea and will cause a lip buildup.
- Don't water the dirt or just water it lightly enough to keep down the dust. Players actually need you to soak it regularly so they have good footing.

Proper ongoing maintenance practices for your entire sports field are described in detail including bonus tips & hints as well as common mistakes to avoid. See your section of interest on my site:

www.ultimate-baseball-field-renovation-guide.com

Final Words

After renovating and rejuvenating many baseball and softball fields and seeing even more fields that would greatly benefit from a facelift, my mind was made up... A field maintenance special report had to come.

My idea was a practical and easy to read guide. Down to earth advice on how to make a better field for better play. Now that you've come to the final words, you can be the judge whether this report will do the trick.

One thing I am confident about, with these field maintenance secrets you have the power to make a difference. If taken step by step, these ideas will lead you to a nice professional quality sports field.

For those interested in field maintenance services, contact me via www.ultimate-baseball-field-renovation-guide.com

I hope you enjoyed reading the special report and that your sports field benefits from it. Me? Whenever I read something like this, I'm itching to head for the park, spiff it up, pitch some batting practice and take a few cuts myself. YeeHaw!

Jim Reiner

P.S. Do let me know how your field has turned out.

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