

# EASTLAKE LITTLE LEAGUE

## Facilities Manual

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## GAME DAY PROTOCOLS

### Pre-Game Warmup

1. Move the players off the line periodically so the grass doesn't die on the line areas
2. Do not hit into nets on the grass. Use the warning tracks or infield dirt (foul territory) for warm up on field

### Lining the Field

1. Align the batters box template with home plate. Be sure to step down on the metal template to create an outline in the dirt
2. Align the plumb line with the outside edge of home plate and the foul edge of the outfield foul line.

Note: The stake/nail for the plumb line should go in the outfield grass and the plumb string should extend behind home plate.

3. Before painting the lines, water the inside edge of the plumb line with the spray container
4. Paint the batters boxes first. Once batters boxes are painted begin to paint the inside edge of the plumb line until you reach the outfield grass
5. DO NOT paint the outfield lines. The outfield lines are painted twice a week and line up correctly with the foul poles

### Mound Care

1. Remove mound cover. If the mound is dry, spray water on the entire surface just enough to wet the clay mound.
2. After each game rake the mound in an outward direction. Do not rake dirt from off the mound onto the mound. This is different material than the clay mound and will dry the mound out.
3. Replace any cleat divots with clay. Pound the clay into the divot using the tamp tool
4. If you are the last game of the day, proceed to all the items above and water the mound thoroughly with the watering can. Replace the mound cover over the mound