## **U11 Field Prep Guidelines**

## **Before Game:**

Watch youtube video: <a href="https://youtu.be/DdGdzZ1t00o">https://youtu.be/DdGdzZ1t00o</a> (ignore the sprinkler part)

- Be at the field 45 min prior to game start
- Go to storage shed (coach will have a key) and grab supplies:
  - Bases
  - Rakes
  - String roll
  - Tape measure (coach might have in bag)
  - Chalk (in a rolling cart)
  - Batters box square
- Start by raking the field to ensure there are no holes/divots
- Rake pitching mound, you might need to push some dirt up on the mound
- Start with the batters box, use the square to indent the box on each side, then use the chalk to go over the lines

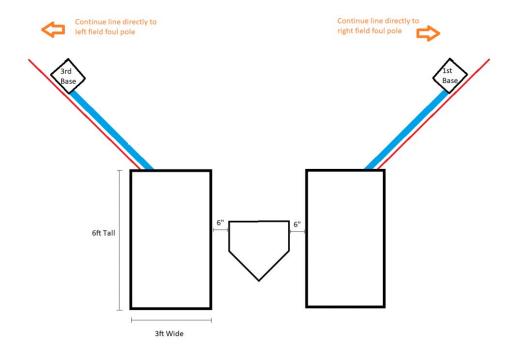


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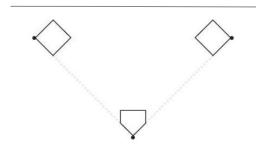
- Grab the string and place on the triangle of home plate, have your partner walk out the first base line all the way to the grass, try to make this as straight as possible
- With the chalk, line the first base line right beside the rope
- Repeat this step with the third base line

## (Diagram #3)

To add 6' x 3' Batters Boxes Square up batters boxes to home plate, and stop the lines once they hit the box.



- Now you can measure the bases and hammer them in: put tape measure at the triangle of home plate and measure out 60 feet, secure the first base so the left hand side of the base is on the chalk line at 60 feet.
- Repeat with third base but with the base being on the right hand of the chalk line
- Place the pitcher rubber 46 feet from the triangle of home plate



You have finished set up

## Field clean up:

- Bring bases back to the storage shed
- Use the rakes/brushes/pulling grates to smooth all gravel surfaces of the field