

Field Set Up Instructions

Pitching Distances

(as measured from front of pitcher's plate to back of home plate)

8U – 30 feet

10U – 35 feet

12U – 40 feet

Shed Contents (needed for field prep)

Tool box – including hammer, tape measure

Screen drag (hand-pulled)

Chalk / chalker

String for drawing base line

Bases (including orange “safety base”)

Pitchers' plate (may already be installed, but verify distance!)

Batters box “template”

Pitching circle “template” (Marine West only?)

Rakes and other maintenance tools as needed

Setting Up the Field

Field set-up is the responsibility of the designated home team (though help from the visitors is always appreciated). It should take a group of 3-4 adults no more than 30-45 minutes to set up the field properly.

1. Slowly drag the field. Recommended practice is in circles, starting outside and moving in. As the drag tends to disperse dirt, it is recommended dragging no closer than 1 foot from outfield grass.
2. Draw batter's boxes, using available template. Note the larger of the two sections faces forward. Trace the inside of the template to create an outline of the right and left boxes. Remove template and chalk using chalker.

The dimensions of the batter's box are: 4' forward (from middle of plate), 3' backwards (from middle of plate) and 3' wide. The inside of the box is 6" from home plate.

3. Remove base plugs. Install bases, including orange safety base (@ 1st base) installed in foul territory.
4. Draw base-lines:

- a. Run string from back of home plate down 1st base side, passing in between the white and orange bases. Use chalk to draw 1st base line from outside of batter's box to outfield grass.
 - b. Run string from back of home plate down 3rd base side, passing to the outside of third base. Use chalk to draw 3rd base line from outside of batter's box to outfield grass.
5. Install pitcher's plate at appropriate distance (see above). Distance is measured from front of pitcher's plate to back of home plate. *Tip:* ensure that plate is aligned with home and 2nd base.
6. Use template (if available) to draw pitcher's circle. If unavailable, this is a 2 person job using a tape measure to trace a circle w/ an 8' radius, as measured from the center of the *front* of the pitcher's plate. Chalk.
7. Chalk 2 on-deck circles – approximate 5' in diameter – in safe spots near the dugout.
8. *Optional.* Chalk coach's boxes – approximate dimensions 15' (from far end of base towards home plate) x 3' (heading towards foul territory). Box should be 8' from base line. Template may be available at Marine West.
9. *Optional.* Chalk 1st base running lane. Lane runs parallel to first base line (3' into foul territory) from mid-point between home and 1st to 1st base. Template may be available at Marine West.
10. Return all tools & equipment to the shed.

Field Break-Down/Clean-Up

Field break-down is the responsibility of the designated home team of the day's LAST scheduled game. But we ask everyone to do their part to secure our equipment.

1. AFTER EVERY GAME – clean the dugout & throw away any trash.
2. Remove bases and return to shed. **Replace base plugs.**
3. Return field set-up tools & equipment to shed.
4. LOCK SHED.

Contacts

Help us maintain our sheds. **Please report missing equipment, damaged equipment, or issues with field conditions to Beach Softball.**

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