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To All Guilderland Baseball Players:

The season is beginning and we need to emphasize the responsibilities and importance of maintaining the fields on which you play. We need your help in order to keep them in good shape. This has to be done after the last game of the day, and every player must participate. It should take about 15-20 minutes.

- 1. Two or 3 players (Dutchmen may need 4 or 5 players) to bring water hose onto the field and prep it to water the plate and mound. The actual watering should be done by a coach or someone else who has been instructed on how to spray down the field. When finished spraying down the mound and plate, recoil the hose and put away.
- 2. Two players to rake the plate area flat and tamp the batters and catchers boxes (use your feet) and re-level, then move to the 1st and 3rd base paths, raking with the chalk line, not side to side.
- 3. Two players to remove the bases and store them in the first base dugout, insert the base plugs and rake the areas around each base so they are level with the rest of the field.
- 4. Four to 6 players to bring the covers onto the field, open them up and place them on the mound and plate when ready.
- 5. Four to 6 players to check dugouts for litter and trash and change ALL trash cans liners if full. At Dutchmen, place the liners in the large plastic storage bin in the parking are behind the clubhouse. Tawasentha trash to be placed in the large plastic bin at the stand. New liners are in the helmet rack in the dugouts or in the PC trailer or barn at Tawasentha.
- 6. The remaining players should walk the area outside the fence and pick up any litter or debris and check the trash can liners and change them if needed.
- 7. One parent or coach to SandPro/Smithco the infield area.
- 8. One coach or parent, with the help of 2 players, to repair the mound at the rubber and landing zone. All the tools and material are in the dugout.

The managers should also advise the pitchers not to dig a hole on top of the mound! It's self defeating and can create an off balance set point. Scratching the surface to find the rubber is fine, but not a 2 to 3 inch hole. This will need to be repaired after each game. Thank you for your assistance.

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