

# Field Parent Responsibilities and Info

## Torrance Girls Softball League

### Practices

Field parents are responsible for the following after ALL practices:

- Putting bases, pitching rubber & any other equipment away in green bins
- Putting base plugs back in ground to cover base receptacles
- Raking field around home plate and pitchers mound to make level
- Dragging field with Golf Cart and Metal Drag Mats
- Putting golf cart back in shed after use & connecting battery
- Watering entire infield AFTER dragging is complete. Use water source closest to dugouts and not source in center of infield as that floods the fields.
- Putting hose back inside dugout
- Closing & locking green bin
- Closing and locking both dugout fence gates

**IMPORTANT: Not dragging and watering the field could result in your team losing field practice privileges.**

### Golf Cart Rules and Info

- Carts are located in the shed behind Field 1
- Carts are for dragging the field (there are 2)
- No kids are to drive the carts (but they can ride with an adult driver)
- No **racing or playing** on or around the carts
- When putting carts back in shed turn key off and connect to battery (charge)

### Games

- Home Team responsible for field lining and setup before games
- Home Team is the 2<sup>nd</sup> Team on the Schedule
- Visiting Team is responsible for Tear Down

#### Home Team Field Setup

- Arrive at least 30-45 minutes prior to game to do field setup
- Pull bases, digger tool and chalker from green bin
- Fill chalker with chalk which should be located inside green bin
- Put all bases and pitching rubber out
- Check to make sure proper distances are setup for base paths and pitching distance
- Lay down batter box template and mark and then line both boxes with chalk. Be sure template faces pitchers mount correctly. (line up using arrows on the template)
- Run string from rear of home plate to OUTSIDE of 3B and into outfield and then line 3B line with chalk
- Run string from rear of home plate right through middle of white and orange double 1B and into outfield and then line 1B line with chalk
- Use Batters box template (4' wide) to mark off 8' from 3B line for coaches box and then make straight line 15' in length from rear of 3B towards home plate
- Repeat for 1B coaches box
- Make runners lane to 1B. Starts ½ way to 1B. Use batters box template for width.
- Use 8 ft PVC pipe to make circle around Pitching Rubber
- Use 2 ½ ft' PVC pipe to make on deck circles outside of each dugout
- Put base plugs, digger tools, string winder, small chalker and any other items removed from green bin back in green bin so they won't get lost

## Visiting Team Field Breakdown

- After last game of the day, the visiting team has field breakdown responsibilities
- Pull out and empty Trash bags from dugouts and around field into bin by school
- Sweep out dugout to remove sunflower seeds, excess dirt etc.
- Put bases, pitching rubber & any other stray equipment away in green bins
- Put base plugs back in ground to cover base receptacles
- Rake field around home plate and pitchers mound to make level
- Drag field with Golf Cart and Metal Drag Mats (see cart rules)
- Put golf cart back in shed after use and connect battery
- Water entire infield AFTER dragging is complete. Use water source closest to dugouts and not source in center of infield as that floods the fields
- Put hose back inside dugout so it can be locked up
- Close and lock green bin
- Close and lock both dugout fence gates

## Batting Cage Rules

- Only Adults can operate pitching machines
- If you don't know how to use the machines ask someone to show you how before using
- The pitching machines are expensive and everyone in the league uses them so please treat them with care
- Watch hands, loose clothing, and jewelry around pitching machines to make sure nothing gets caught in machine which could result in injury
- No Children are allowed inside room with pitching machines at any time
- Helmets MUST be worn by hitters AT ALL TIMES when inside batting cage
- Helmets MUST be worn by hitters that are hitting waffle balls, soft toss, off tees, or even just swinging bats outside of the batting cage
- Only active hitters (2) are allowed inside batting cage netting area when balls are being pitched. Coaches should instruct from outside the cage.
- Hitters should stand against fence and watch a pitch or 2 before setting up to hit just in case machine adjustment is required
- Close back gate before starting pitching machines
- When finished with cage, collect all balls and put them back in each pitching machines feeding bins

For questions, feel free to call or email any of the 3 Field Managers:

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