

FRIEND OF THE FIELD MAINTENANCE PLAN

The adopting organization will accept full responsibility for providing maintenance in accordance with the following Fairfax County Public Schools (FCPS) Maintenance Standards.

Field Setup – (Performed according to frequency as indicated)

Tasks include aeration (annually), fertilization (spring and fall, using a 10-10-10 mix), liming (at least once every two years), over-seeding (spring and fall, using a mix of 70% fescue and 30% rye). This work is typically completed during March-April, and October-November.

Mowing – (Performed weekly during peak mowing season)

All field areas are to be mowed. All edging and trimming are to be completed at the same time the mowing operations take place. This includes surrounding fences and bleacher areas. Grass is not to be cut below 2.5 inches.

Warning Tracks – (Performed once a year as needed)

Warning tracks are to be raked to re-establish the edge, adding new gravel dust if necessary.

Infields (Baseball/Softball) – (Performed once a year and as needed)

Skin infield and build up pitcher's mound to league specifications. Initially, remove weeds and grass from infields. Add to the scraped areas appropriate amount and mix of infield sand/clad or other materials approved by FCPS Grounds Department (e.g., Ball Diamond Mix from Blue Mount Quarry).

Infield Lining – (Optional)

Infield lining frequency is entirely up to the Partner organization.

Raking and Dragging of Infields (Baseball/Softball) – (Performed with each use)

Skinned infields and base paths require daily maintenance. Home-plate and base areas must be filled and graded at the conclusion of each game or series.

Litter Pick-up – (Performed with each use)

Litter control is a daily activity that must be performed to maintain the fields' aesthetic quality. All field, spectator, and parking areas are to be free of litter and debris. All discarded materials are to be deposited in trash cans. Trash removal will be by agreement between Partner and local school principal.

Fences – (Performed with each use)

Inspect and report broken and potentially hazardous fences and backstops to school principal, who will contact the Work Order Section.

Irrigation and Lighting System Maintenance

If any irrigation system is present, all requests for repairs are to be directed to the school principal, who will contact the Work Order Section.

In addition:

- . No chemical herbicides or pesticides may be used.
- . No equipment will be provided by FCPS.
- . This agreement covers only the field maintenance activities described above. It does not extend to improvement projects such as installing fences, dugouts, team benches, storage buildings, scoreboards, lights, and irrigation. Proposals for these types of projects must follow the procedures outlined in FCPS Regulation 8579 (Athletic Fields and Equipment – Installation, Modification, and Relocation).
- . The adopting organization accepts full responsibility for all damages and injuries that might result from its actions or negligence. FCPS Grounds department will provide expertise and technical assistance to the Partner.