

## **Michael Thorne Park Baseball Field**

The West Long Branch Dept of Public Work will provide routine maintenance including grass cutting, weekly field dragging, and any repairs needed.

The Shore Regional Little League Head Coach is responsible for the pregame and postgame maintenance. (It is encouraged to include our players in the upkeep of our fields)

Below are the field expectations for Shore Regional Little League use of this field:

### **Pre-Game**

- Inspect the field for any safety concerns and report these immediately.
- Tarps removed and stored neatly behind the backstop.
- Any raking needed to smooth out field surfaces
  - (DO NOT RAKE DIRT INTO THE GRASS)
  - Basepaths should be raked in a “north and south” direction up the baseline.
- Drag field with pull behind dragger if needed
- Bases secured to each base and level with the ground
- Basepaths and batter’s boxes lined according to league specs.
  - Please communicate to us if we are low on lime.
- On hot and long weather dry spells, coaches should water the clay infield before the game.
  - There is a hose on a reel with wheels located behind the backstop
  - The inground quick release water-bib is located at the end of the first base players bench (by the gate).

### **Post-Game:**

- Rake and smooth the pitcher’s mound and home plate after each game.
- Remove bases from the field and place them back in the storage box behind the backstop.
- Place the covers back on the pitcher’s mound and batter’s box after each game.
- Remove all garbage (including water bottles) from the areas around the dugout and from inside the dugout.
- Inspect the fan bleachers for trash and debris and remove any remaining items.
- If the hose and water were used, check to make sure the water is completely turned off and the hose is rolled up and stored properly behind the backstop
- All supplies must be stored in the storage box behind the backstop and locked.
  - Please make sure the lock is secured before leaving

**Any Concerns should be communicated to the league email [shoreregionalLL@gmail.com](mailto:shoreregionalLL@gmail.com)**