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Maintenance Activity	Description	Timing	Service Level					Quality Standard
			Class AA	CLASS A	CLASS B	CLASS C	CLASS D	
Grooming Dragging	Scarify, pulverize and roll with a bannerman or screen drag. Re-distribution of material to level and flush with surround turf. Light rolling of infield included.	M,J,J,A,S,O	Once per day. (Monday to Friday)	Three times per week	Two times per week	Once per week	Up to three times per season. All additional times are users responsibility	Pattern varied each time and groomed to a depth of 2" - 4".
Home Plates	Safety inspection, repair, replacement or new installation of rubber home plates. Realign, raise area to a safe condition.	M,J,J,A,S,O	Installed in Spring and area maintained level to surrounding area five days/week	Installed in Spring and area maintained level to surrounding area three days/week	Installed in Spring and area maintained level to surrounding area two days/week	Installed in Spring and area maintained level to surrounding area once/week	Installed once per season	All home plates installed level with existing ground surface. All home plates aligned with optimum outfield clearances along first and third base lines. Rubber plate is attached to wooden base.
Pitching Mound Area	Safety inspection, repair, replacement or new installation of pitching rubber. Realign, raise or lower existing pitching rubber to restore pitching mound/area to a safe condition.	M,J,J,A,S,O	Check for damage and reshape to return to original shape daily (5 days/week)	Checked for damage and reshape to return to original shape three times/week	Checked for damage and reshape to return to original shape two times/week	Checked for damage and reshape to return to original shape one time/week	Pitching rubber installed once per season	All pitching rubbers installed level with existing ground surface and aligned with home plate and attached to wooden base. Pitching mound to be made up of heavier clay mixture to maintain compaction. Constructed to proper dimensions.
Bases Pegged	The installation in the ground of a base distance peg with attached string at appropriate distances.	M,J,J,A,S	Check daily and replace as needed	Check three times per week	Checked two per week	Checked once per week	Supplied once per season	Base area pegged at proper distance(s) for use and a string is visible to determine base placement.
Base Areas	Safety inspection of area to ensure level and flush with surrounding area.	M,J,J,A,S,O	Check daily	Level and rake three times per week	Not available, responsibility of user	Not available, responsibility of user	Not available, responsibility of user	Hand rake area to ensure level with surround area

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Lining	The painting of lines using athletic field marking paint for outfield foul lines.	M,J,J,A,S	Foul line extension painted on grass once per week, all other lines done by users.	Foul line extension painted on grass every second week, all other lines done by user.	Not available, responsibility of user	Not available, responsibility of user	Not available, responsibility of user	Fields marked with clearly visible white paint - outfield foul lines only
Grass Cutting	Cutting turf areas using ride on mowing equipment.	M,J,J,A,S	17 cuts per season with provision to add up to 3 cuts if required	13 cuts per seasons with provision to add up to 3 cuts if required	10 cuts per season with provision to add up to 3 cuts if required	10 cuts per season with provision to add up to 3 cuts if required	8 cuts per season with provision to add up to 3 cuts if required	Maintained at a minimum height of 2.5" and maximum 3"
Field Repairs - holes	Checking of field for minor holes and depressions that may be trip points.	M,J,J,A,S,O	Check daily, users to assist.	Check three times per week and repaired as necessary	Twice per week, users to assist	Once per week, users to assist	Users to repair with soil provided	Areas filled with top soil or top-dressing material at grade level and flush with surrounding area
Watering - Infields	Watering of infield to reduce dust when grooming.	J,A	Infields watered during dry spells prior to grooming	Not available	Not available	Not available	Not available	Thorough soaking to depth of groomers capability
Litter Pick-up	Clean up of litter from playing field area.	M,J,J,A,S,O	Five days per week	Three times per week. Users responsible to assist.	Once per week. Users responsible to assist.	Once per week. Users responsible to assist.	Users responsible.	Site free of litter when cleaned
Players Benches & Dugouts	Repair or replacement of players benches, if on site.	M,J,J,A,S,O	Check daily, repair as required	Check three times per week, repair as required	Check twice per week, repair as required	Check weekly, repair as required	Check three times per season, repair as required	Safe and free of damage
Bleachers	Repair or replacement of bleachers, if on site.	M,J,J,A,S,O	Check daily, repair as required	Check three times per week, repair as required	Check twice per week, repair as required	Check weekly, repair as required	Check three times per season, repair as required	Safe and free of damage.
Backstops & Fencing	Repair or replacement of fencing, if on site.	M,J,J,A,S,O	Check weekly, repair for safety	Check three times per week, repair for safety	Check twice per week, repair as required	Check weekly, repair as required	Check twice per week, repair as required	Safe and free of damage or snag points

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Addition of Infield Mix	Addition, grading and leveling of sport field mix to infield.	M,J,J,A,S,O	Check monthly, add as required	Check monthly, add as required	Check monthly and repaired as necessary, users to assist	Check monthly and repaired as necessary, users to assist	Users to check and repair with soil provided by HRM upon request	Infield mix added to grade and flush to surrounding outfield
Warning Tracks	Grading and leveling of warning track surfaces, which includes the addition of surface material, removal of debris/weeds and packing of the surface.	M,J,J,A,S	Pulverized minimum of four times per year. Edged once per year		Not available	Not available	Not available	Ensure surface is free of debris at grade and flush to surrounding turf. Surface must remain firm underfoot when complete.
Liming	Application of lime to established turf areas.	A,M,O,N	Once per year based on soil testing.	Once per year based on soil testing	Once per year	Once per year	Once per year	Calculated application of lime is even and free of burn spots
Fertilizing	Application of fertilizer to established turf areas.	A,M,J,S,O	Three times per year based on soil testing.	Outfield rim to infield every second year, if needed.	Twice per year	Twice per year	Once per year	Calculated application of fertilizer is even, uniform and free from burn spots.
Aerating	The use of tractor drawn aerating equipment to punch holes/slice into soil to relieve compaction.	A,M,J,S,O	Minimum of twice per year	Minimum of twice per year	Twice per year	Twice per year	Once per year	Uniform coverage depth at 2 to 4 inches.
Weed Spraying			Not permitted unless organic as per By-Law P-800 Pesticides, Herbicides and Insecticides	Not permitted unless organic as per By-Law P-800 Pesticides, Herbicides and Insecticides	Not permitted unless organic as per By-Law P-800 Pesticides, Herbicides and Insecticides	Not permitted unless organic as per By-Law P-800 Pesticides, Herbicides and Insecticides	Not permitted unless organic as per By-Law P-800 Pesticides, Herbicides and Insecticides	
Repair Sod/Resodding	Stripping, leveling and sod base preparation and laying of sod.	M,S	Outfield rim to infield once per year, if needed	Outfield rim to infield every second year, if needed	Only as required	Only as required	As budget permits	Turf established to comparable level of surrounding area with no sod separation.
Press Boxes		M,J,J,A,S,O	Cleaned and checked weekly	Cleaned and checked weekly	Not available	Not available	Not available	

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Lighting Repairs			As required - light bulbs will not be replaced if only one light is burnt out	As required - light bulbs will not be replaced if only one light is burnt out	Not available	Not available	Not available	95% of lights always working whenever needed.
Light Operation			Key will be given to user to use as required. All groups charged for lights	Key will be given to user to use as required. All groups charged for lights	Not available	Not available	Not available	
Rest Periods			As required	As required	As required	As required	As required	
Opening Dates				May 1, weather depending	May 19, weather depending	May 19, weather depending	May 28, weather depending	
Closing Dates			End of season dependent on location	End of season dependent on location	End of season dependent on location	End of season dependent on location	End of season dependent on location	
Uses			Fastball, baseball games	Fastball, baseball, slopitch games	Fastball, baseball, slopitch games and practices. Field sport practices as needed	Fastball, baseball, slopitch games and practices. Field sport practices as needed	Fastball, baseball, slopitch games and practices. Field sport practices as needed	
Playing Conditions			Field closures based on field conditions as per Rain Out Policy	Field closures based on field conditions as per Rain Out Policy	Field closures based on field conditions as per Rain Out Policy	Field closures based on field conditions as per Rain Out Policy	Field closures based on field conditions as per Rain Out Policy	