

ANSL- 2008 Field Use Guidelines

A. **FIELD PREPARATION:**

1) **Use of Materials:** Infield Mix (the dirt found in the boxes at each of the field locations) should NOT be used in excess to dry up fields that are wet. The purpose of infield mix is to replenish the fields at the beginning of the spring season and as needed throughout the season in heavily worn areas, i.e. second base and home plate. The 2008 supply is a 2 year supply. Overuse of the infield mix creates costly long-term field maintenance problems, i.e. infield lips, drainage issues, etc...

2) **Preparing the Fields:** Fields are to be dragged and raked after use. Infield drags are NOT to be used on the baselines or home plate. All dirt should be moved away from the grass and pushed back onto the non-grass infield area. Here is a 10 minutes video link on daily field maintenance (press “Ctrl” key, then click mouse) [Field Maintenance Video](#).

3) **Preparing a Wet Field for a GAME:** When a field is wet, raking is the very first means of drying out a field properly.

- Wet mud or dirt should NOT be raked or pushed onto the grass.
- A limited amount of infield mix can be used in low areas, NOT to exceed ½ a wheelbarrow per field.
- Turface “Quick-Dry” can also be applied, NO MORE THAN A BUCKET, as it is costly and a small amount goes a long way. Once it is applied, allow the material to sit for 10 minutes and absorb the moisture. Then raked it into the playing area.

IMPORTANT: If the field requires an excess amount of materials to make the field playable, then managers should postpone and reschedule the game. ANSL does not have the field maintenance budget to provide unlimited materials to dry out a field every time it rains. And as stated prior, over use of materials creates costly long term field maintenance issues.

B. FAIRFAX COUNTY PARK AUTHORITY (FCPA) FIELD CLOSING: Below is the link to the FCPA field closings which are posted Monday-Friday at 3pm. Please note, typically the fields that are listed as open when it is raining are the artificial turf fields. [Click here for Fairfax County field closures Updated each weekday at 3pm. or call 703-324-5264](#). Please make sure to NOTIFY UMPIRES of games status.

1.) **ABSOLUTELY NO PRACTICE WHEN FCPA CLOSES FIELDS:** **IMPORTANT**, when FCPA closes our fields under no circumstance should a manager use the fields for PRACTICE. This applies to the outfield as well as the infield.

2.) **Process when FCPA Closes ANSL Fields on Game Days:** On days when the FCPA closes ANSL fields and games are scheduled, the follow process should be followed. A manager (or a representative of the manager) from each team shall assess the playability of the fields, given the stated guidelines mentioned above under “Field Preparation,” to determine if the game can be played. If both managers agree that the field is playable, the game can proceed. If both managers are not in agreement on the playable condition of the field, and or any one of the managers has a concern regarding player safety, the game shall be postponed and rescheduled.