



Field Maintenance: Puddles

Equipment Required:

Shovel
Wheelbarrow
Buckets
Puddle Pump

Field prep is time-consuming after it rains, requiring commitment from multiple people. We recommend that 2-6 coaches/ parents arrive early to prep the field. This is more than a 10-minute task; you will need extra time to get the field to a playable condition. Ensure the field is not too muddy, as it is a safety hazard for the kids.

Steps:

1. Dig a hole in the middle or lowest point of the puddle to encourage the water to fill in the hole.



2. Put the puddle pump in the hole and pump the water into a bucket.



3. Put the bucket filled with muddy water into the wheelbarrow.
4. Carefully take the wheelbarrow and bucket over the rock wall or into the woods and dump it.

5. ***Please do not spill muddy water on the grass.
6. Once all the standing water is removed from the area, use the shovel to scrape off the mud. Put the mud into the wheelbarrow and dump the mud in the same area as the dry infield mix next to Lower Featherland Left.



7. Fill the Wheelborrow with fresh dryer infield mix.
8. Bring the dry infield mix to the field.
9. Using the shovel, cascade the dry mix over the area.



10. As a last step, if needed, sprinkle a small amount of Turface (a cup full) on the wet area. *Please note* too much Turface will ruin the infield dirt mixture.

11. Water, Mud, or Dirt should never be raked or brushed into the grass. It will damage the grass and cause a lip on the edges.