

Raking Base Paths

Some may argue base paths are one of the most important areas of a baseball field. A well-maintained base path may be the difference in a fair or foul ball. Always maintain base paths manually, using equipment can result in material migrating into the edges and/or field damage.

- Starting at the home-plate portion of the base path, begin by raking in the direction of the base path (up and down) moving backward towards the first base. Never rake paths side to side, this will result in leaving material high along the edges and low in the center creating a bowl.
- Repeat the process on both sides, once completed, manually use the drag mat walking backward from home to first and/or third, while ensuring the edges of the mat aren't distributing material into the grass and/or edges.

