



## Softball Field Setup

- Arrive at least 45-60 minutes prior to the game to setup the field.
- Home team is responsible for field setup and tear down (if you are the last game).
- Pull out bases, digging tool, chalker, chalk, string kit, template, temporary fence (Kumeyaay only), and light dragging broom/tool.
- Lightly drag the infield to smooth the surface.
- Install the bases (the safety (orange) base at 1<sup>st</sup> base goes in foul territory).
- Fill the chalker.
- Lay the batter box template down on either side of home plate and chalk the batters' boxes (see drawing).
- Run a string from the rear of home plate through the outside of the third base into leftfield.
- Chalk the third base line.
- Chalk the third base coach's box. Use the batter box template to assist in creating an outline. The third base coach's box should start from the outfield side of the base and extend 15' towards home plate. The box should be setback 8' from the baseline, 3' deep, open on the dugout side, and closed on both ends.
- Chalk a third base on deck circle (5' diameter ) at a safe distance from home plate.
- Chalk the "out of play" lines.
- Run a string from the rear of home plate through the outside of the inner (white) first base into right field.
- Chalk the first base line.
- Chalk the running lane. The running lane is parallel to the first base line, but offset by 3'. It starts on the outfield side of first base and extends halfway to home plate.
- Chalk the first base coach's box. Use the batter box template to assist in creating an outline. The first base coach's box should start from the outfield side of the base and extend 15' towards home plate. The box should be setback 5' from the running lane, 3' deep, open on the dugout side, and closed on both ends.
- Chalk a first base on deck circle (at a safe distance) and the out of play line.
- From the center of the pitching rubber pull the string line 8' feet. While ensuring there is constant tension on the line, walk around the a circle and mark a circle in the dirt with a nail. Chalk the circle.
- Install the outfield fence (Kumeyaay only).
- If you are the last game for the day put base plugs, digging tools, string kit, template, chalker, etc. back into the container, otherwise leave them out for the next game.

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