

Field Prep Instructions

(mnemonic – Best Fricking Team Plays Here – BFTPH – bases, first, third, pitcher, home)

1. Bases: Put in Bases – Can leave 1st / 3rd out for chalking. If you do, you may want to mark edge of base for chalk line - Check “Towards Mound” corner points to mound
2. First: Chalk first base foul line
 - a. Lay down guide string/line
 - b. Line follows edge of 1st base with base in fair territory. With softball, the foul line splits the double bag at first base.
 - c. Chalk from home plate to grass
 - d. Chalk On Deck circle if room
 - i. At least 5 – 10’ back of first base in foul territory
 - e. Chalk coach’s box
 - i. About 6’ from foul line
 - ii. Starts at base and runs about 10’ towards home plate
3. Third: Chalk third base foul line
 - a. Lay down guide string/line
 - b. Line is edge of base – base in fair territory.
 - c. Chalk from home plate to grass
 - d. Chalk On Deck circle if room
 - i. At least 5 – 10’ back of first base in foul territory
 - e. Chalk coach’s box
 - i. About 6’ from foul line
 - ii. Starts at base and runs about 10’ towards home plate
 - f. Baseball Western and National only
 - i. Baseball National – chalk a safety line perpendicular to the third base foul line. The safety line is 1/3 distance from third to home – this is about 23’ 4” from third towards home.
 - ii. Baseball Western – chalk a safety line perpendicular to third base foul line. The safety line is 1/2 distance from third to home – this is 40’ between home and third base.
4. Pitcher: Chalk pitcher’s area as needed
 - a. Softball – the pitcher’s circle is 8’ radius / 16’ diameter circle
 - b. Baseball – Pioneer only - three (3’) feet behind and parallel to the pitcher's plate, a safety line should be chalked that is six (6’) feet wide.
5. Home: Complete batter’s boxes (see below)
 - a. As time allows complete catcher’s box
6. Additional / Optional – as time allows - first base running lane
 - a. Parallel to foul line
 - b. Starting ½ the distance between home and first
 - c. 3’ from the foul line into foul territory
7. Field dimensions



		Pitcher's Plate	Bases	Home / Second
Baseball	Pioneer	38'	55'	77' 9.25"
	American	44'	60'	84' 10.25"
	National	50'	70'	99'
	Western	54'	80'	113'

		Pitcher's Plate	Bases
Softball	Pioneer	30'	55'
	American	35'	60'
	National	40'	60'
	Western	43'	60'

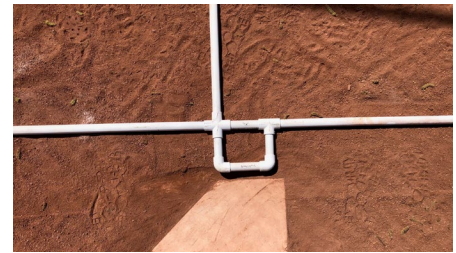
Batter's Box Instructions

Align template with Plate. Top Tube should point towards Pitcher. Side pieces should touch black of plate.



Tube should touch black part of plate

Cross bar aligns with "corner" of plate



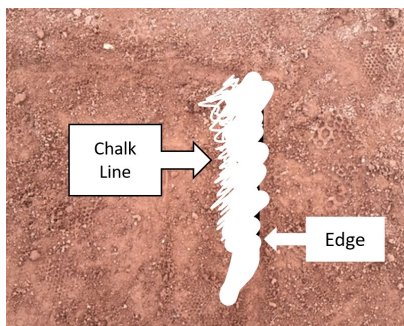
Check for alignment with plate, pitcher's plate and field for straightness. Scrape the ground inside of template that will form your guide for the chalk line.



Flip over template and repeat on the other side of the plate.



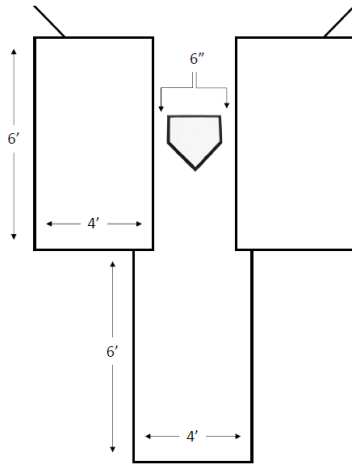
Remove templates, find your mark, and chalk your line. Chalk is intended to end on the mark not directly over



The gap between the black part of plate the chalk will be 6"



Baseball Catcher's box is functionally same size as the batter's box template. Center template directly below the tip of the plate.



Softball Catchers box extends directly back from the edges of the batter's box. The catcher's box extends 10' back from the bottom edge of the batter's box – walk 10 or use both sides of template it is 7x3

