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## **2024 Practice Guidelines**

Scheduling:

- No Practices can be officially scheduled on the playing fields until after 4/15 due to our agreement with the Chicago Park District.
- Practice Dates must be reserved on the Google Spreadsheet that is managed by the league scheduler. <u>Practice Schedule Spreadsheet</u>
- Practice Dates that have been reserved on the Google Spreadsheet must be entered into your TeamSnap schedule.
- Games always take precedence over a scheduled practice. If your reserved practice time is needed for a make-up game, you will be notified, and every effort will be made to find another field.

Field Etiquette:

- Do not practice on fields that have already been prepped for games.
  - Dragged and lined fields should not be used for practice.
- Do not practice on fields that are soft/damp. (If you step on the field and leave an impression, you should not use the field)
  - Please use the grass only in these cases.
- If the field prep crew arrives during your scheduled practice time, you will need to clear the field so it can be prepped for a scheduled game.
- Large rakes are provided at every field. Teams must rake after every practice in order to help address water pooling after it rains.
- Put all gear back in the gearbox and lock the gearbox before you leave.

## Notes:

Weekends are more challenging for practice scheduling due to the volume of games and the fact that the crews prep the fields early in the day.