Field Lining Guidelines

NOTE: The below should be considered guidelines and as such, can be changed as needed.

STORAGE

All field lining equipment (lining machines, paint, tape measures, stakes, twine, whiskers) is currently stored at the concession stand at Friedenfeld Park and at the barn at Homestead Hollow Park. The concession stand is the primary storage location and is where the majority of equipment is stored. There is a smaller supply of equipment at the barn for use lining the practice fields. A key located in a key safe next to the door provides access to the barn. Access to the concession stand is by key of which the only copies of are with certain board members. Gaining entry to the concession stand requires a board member to unlock the door; there is no key safe.

HOUSEKEEPING

It is the responsibility of all to keep the storage locations neat and organized. Once field lining is complete, all lining machines should be lined up neatly and all unused cans stacked together. All used paint cans are to be thrown in the trashcans or dumpsters. **After ensuring the cans are completely empty of paint, please remove all stems and caps before throwing the used cans away.**

FIELDS

There are six fields at Friedenfeld that are used for actual games. These fields are of the utmost importance to keep all lines in good condition. The current field dimensions (in feet) and age levels are as follows:

1. Fields 1 and 2
    a. U7/U8
    b. 90 x 120
2. Fields 3 and 4
    a. U9/U10
    b. 120 x 180
3. Field 5
    a. U11/U12
    b. 135 x 240
4. Field 6
    a. U13+
    b. 210 x 330

Field diagrams are located at both the concession stand and the barn that show the minimum and maximum dimensions. The above dimensions can be changed as needs dictate as long as they meet the minimums stated on the field diagrams. All fields, except fields 3 and 5, have white whisker markers at all critical corners, center spot, penalty kick spots and center of goals. These will aid in the relining of the fields when the lines are not visible.

LINING

It is recommended that all fields be lined once a week. If there is a large amount of rain during a week, the lines should still be visible enough that remeasuring is not required the next week. Take into account when lining how wet the grass is; paint does not stick well to wet grass.

The time it takes to line fields varies dramatically depending on the visibility of the current lines and the number of people that are lining. Obviously more people lining makes the lining process quicker. When the current lines are not plainly visible, or are gone completely, it is recommended to have two or more people do the work. This makes the measuring and staking of string go quicker and also having more than one set of eyes helps prevent errors. **Do not guess where the lines are if you cannot see them!** By not having straight lines to go by, there is great potential for not making straight lines. It is very disheartening to line a field and then turn around and see the line you just made is crooked. There is no sure way of “erasing” a line. There are several cases of green paint located in the concession stand that can be used to “erase” a line, but it is better to do it right the first time. Also, remember to double-check all measurements before laying down the paint. There is a cardboard stencil at the concession stand that can be used for marking the center and penalty kick spots.

QUESTIONS/CONCERNS

Any questions or concerns should be forwarded to the Director Of Fields or another board member.