# **EXHIBIT F**

#### **FACILITY STANDARDS**

## SECTION 1.0 SECURITY

The below security requirements shall be in effect during any period in which fans could reasonably be expected to be present. For the purposes of clarity, the obligations in Section 1.2 and 1.3 extend to the home clubhouse area, visiting clubhouse area, female staff facilities, and umpire facilities.

## 1.1 FACILITY SECURITY

All facilities shall provide a "command post" for event security forces, centrally located with provisions for removing unruly patrons from the facility. Such command post shall include 24/7 video surveillance of any parking areas utilized by players or staff and all entrances to the home clubhouse, visiting clubhouse, female staff facilities, and umpire facilities.

## 1.2 FIELD/DUGOUT ACCESS

It is required that all facilities provide a direct access route to the dugout/playing field. Similar access is to be provided for the umpires. In facilities that do not provide players and staff with an unencumbered route from the clubhouse to the dugout/playing field (i.e., public access is restricted), security staff shall be dedicated to ensuring that players and staff are able to move safely between the clubhouse area and the playing field.

#### 1.3 PLAYER PARKING

It is recommended that all facilities designate a parking area with clubhouse access for players and other uniformed team personnel, which should be well-lit (minimum 5 fc) and secure. In facilities that do not provide players and staff with an unencumbered route from the parking lot to the clubhouse (i.e., public access is restricted), security forces shall be dedicated to ensuring that players and staff are able to move safely from the clubhouse to the parking facility following the conclusion of the game.

#### SECTION 2.0 MEDIA FACILITIES

All facilities shall provide desk space in the press box for the public address announcer, scoreboard operator(s), and two personnel employed by the Major League Baseball Club to operate tracking and video equipment. The PA/scoreboard area shall include a minimum of 30 sq. ft. of desk and floor space to be used by the parent Major League Baseball Club, including a minimum of 6 feet of linear counter/desk space, a minimum desk depth of 2 feet, and a seating area sufficient for two individuals. For the purposes of clarity, this space shall be in addition to the floor space required for the scoreboard equipment.

#### SECTION 3.0 HOME CLUB FACILITIES

## 3.1 HOME CLUBHOUSE/DRESSING AREA

All facilities shall provide a minimum of 32 player lockers in the home clubhouse. The minimum size of each locker shall be 24" w x 72" h (36" w x 72" h is recommended). Each locker shall include a lockable storage compartment.

Minimum floorspace requirements for the team dressing area shall be 1,000 sq. ft. (as measured from the base of each wall).

## 3.2 HOME COMMISSARY AND DINING AREA

All facilities shall provide an area of not less than 300 sq. ft. dedicated to food preparation and consumption. If these two areas are separate (e.g., a seating area across the hall from the food preparation space), then the combined space must be a minimum of 300 sq. ft. The commissary shall include a refrigerator, a freezer, a sink, a dishwasher, a microwave, cabinets for storage, and a seating area that can accommodate at least 8 individuals at one time. All kitchen equipment shall comply with applicable local and state standards related to sanitation and cleanliness.

In all circumstances, the commissary and dining area shall be separated from the player and staff dressing areas but should be immediately accessible by players and staff and located in, or in direct proximity to, the general home clubhouse area. For the avoidance of doubt, the commissary equipment above shall be dedicated for the sole use of the Major League Baseball Club and will be required irrespective of the existence of a separate kitchen or restaurant area located away from the home clubhouse area (e.g., elsewhere in the facility).

# 3.3 HOME SHOWER AND TOILET FACILITIES

All facilities shall provide players with separate shower, drying and toilet areas. Such facilities shall have the following minimum fixture counts:

shower heads: 8 (10 recommended)

water closets: 2

urinals: 2

lavatories: 4 (8 recommended)

All showers shall provide hot water (i.e., water temperature must be able to reach at least 100° F).

#### 3.4 HOME TRAINING ROOM

All facilities shall provide a separate training room of not less than 400 sq. ft. The training room shall have at least two treatment tables (three recommended), two full-body whirlpools, hydrocollator (4-pack minimum), scale, stationary bicycle, ice machine, and an office desk. The

training room shall also contain a lockable storage area for training supplies, a biohazard waste receptacle, and a sink with hot and cold running water. It is recommended that additional space be provided for a separate office/dressing area for the trainer and team physician. It is also recommended that a valuable storage box be installed in the training room.

## 3.5 TEAM LAUNDRY FACILITY

All facilities shall provide commercial quality laundry facilities (minimum of 2 washers, 1 dryer, and a laundry sink) for the home team to provide daily washing capability. For the purposes of this paragraph, a commercial quality washer must be able to generate water temperatures of at least 140° F and have a capacity of at least 50 pounds, and a commercial quality dryer must have a minimum capacity of 70 pounds. This room may be combined with the Team Equipment Room, but it may not be located in the player or staff dressing areas, meeting spaces, commissary, dining area or training room.

# 3.6 TEAM EQUIPMENT ROOM

All facilities shall provide adequate lockable equipment storage space (minimum of 300 sq. ft.) in reasonable proximity to the home clubhouse.

## 3.7 HOME STAFF LOCKERS/DRESSING AREA

All facilities shall provide a minimum of seven lockers for staff (10 are recommended). These lockers shall be in addition to the players' lockers described in Section 3.1 above and the female staff facilities described in Section 5.4 below. The staff locker/dressing area shall be located in a separate area of the clubhouse facility than the players lockers, but locker size and floor space requirements (per capita) shall be the same as in the players' dressing area.

Notwithstanding the forgoing, facilities may include multiple separate dressing areas for trainers and coaches, provided that at least seven total lockers are available for staff and each dressing area is separated from the player locker room.

# 3.8 HOME FIELD MANAGER'S OFFICE

All facilities shall provide a field manager's office with direct access to the home clubhouse. It shall either include a separate toilet, shower and dressing area, or it may share a private toilet, shower and dressing area with the coaching staff, provided such shared facility is in a "Jack & Jill" configuration. The office shall include a desk and adequate meeting space for at least 6 persons.

In addition, the field manager's office shall include a hard-wired telephone. However, the Major League Baseball Club may waive this requirement on an annual basis prior to opening day of each playing season in cases in which the office provides adequate cell phone reception.

#### SECTION 4.0 VISITING CLUB FACILITIES

# 4.1 VISITING CLUBHOUSE/DRESSING AREA

All facilities shall provide a minimum of 32 player lockers in the visiting clubhouse. The minimum size of each locker shall be 24" w x 72" h (36" w x 72" h is recommended). Each locker shall include a lockable storage compartment.

Minimum floorspace requirements for the team dressing area shall be 1,000 sq. ft. (as measured from the base of each wall).

#### 4.2 VISITING COMMISSARY AND DINING AREA

All facilities shall provide an area of not less than 300 sq. ft. dedicated to food preparation and consumption. If these two areas are separate (e.g., a seating area across the hall from the food preparation space), then the combined space must be a minimum of 300 sq. ft. The commissary shall include a refrigerator, a freezer, a sink, a dishwasher, a microwave, cabinets for storage, and a seating area that can accommodate at least 8 individuals at one time. All kitchen equipment shall comply with applicable local and state standards related to sanitation and cleanliness.

In all circumstances, the commissary and dining area shall be separated from the player and staff dressing areas but should be immediately accessible by players and staff and located in, or in direct proximity to, the general visiting clubhouse area. For the avoidance of doubt, the commissary equipment above shall be dedicated for the sole use of the Major League Baseball Club and will required irrespective of the existence of a separate kitchen or restaurant area located away from the visiting clubhouse area (e.g., elsewhere in the facility).

## 4.3 VISITING SHOWER AND TOILET FACILITIES

All facilities shall provide separate shower, drying, and toilet facilities with minimum fixture counts as follows:

shower heads: 6 (8 recommended)

water closets: 2

urinals: 2

lavatories: 4

All showers shall provide hot water (i.e., water temperature must be able to reach at least 100° F).

#### 4.4 VISITING TRAINING ROOM

All facilities shall provide a separate training room (minimum of 300 sq. ft.), with a minimum of two training tables, two full-body whirlpools, an ice machine, a hydrocollator (4-pack minimum), biohazard receptacle, sink with hot and cold water, and an office desk.

## 4.5 VISITING STAFF LOCKERS/DRESSING AREA

All facilities shall provide a minimum of seven lockers for staff. These lockers shall be in addition to the player lockers described in Section 4.1 above and located in a separate area. Locker size and floor space requirements (per capita) shall be the same as in the players dressing area.

Notwithstanding the forgoing, facilities may include multiple separate dressing areas for trainers and coaches, provided that at least seven lockers are available for staff and each dressing area is separated from the player locker room.

# 4.6 VISITING FIELD MANAGER'S OFFICE

All facilities shall provide a separate office for the visiting field manager. It shall either include a separate toilet, shower and dressing area, or it may share a private toilet, shower and dressing area with the coaching staff. The office shall include a desk and adequate meeting space for at least 4 people.

In addition, the field manager's office shall include a hard-wired telephone. However, the Major League Baseball Club may waive this requirement on an annual basis prior to opening day of each playing season in cases in which the office provides adequate cell phone reception.

## SECTION 5.0 ADDITIONAL TEAM FACILITIES

#### 5.1 CLEANING AND SANITATION PROTOCOLS

No later than March 1 of each year, all PDL Clubs must submit a written cleaning and sanitation protocol to MLB establishing the procedures and schedule under which the PDL Club will clean and sanitize the home and visiting clubhouse areas (e.g., dressing areas, food preparation and consumption areas, shower and toilet facilities, training rooms, and manager offices, etc.), female staff facilities, and umpire facilities (the "Cleaning and Sanitation Protocol"). The Cleaning and Sanitation Protocols must be approved by MLB prior to the start of the applicable Professional Development League playing season. Such approval shall not be unreasonably withheld.

All Cleaning and Sanitation Protocols must include a plan for a thorough cleaning of all shower and toilet facilities (including the shower and toilet facilities in the umpire facilities and Female Staff Facilities) following each home game, and a professional quality cleaning of all carpets (e.g., rotary shampoo or low-moisture bonnet servicing) in the clubhouse areas, female staff facilities, and umpire facilities at least once per month during the playing season.

# **5.2** TEAM STORAGE (MAJOR LEAGUE PARENT TEAM)

All facilities shall provide a minimum of 200 sq. ft. of lockable team storage, separate from other team storage, for the exclusive, year-round use of the Major League Baseball Club. The PDL Club shall be permitted reasonable access to comply with insurance policies and ensure the safe operation of the facility. This requirement may be satisfied by two separate storage areas of at least 100 sq. ft.

## 5.3 UMPIRE FACILITIES

All facilities shall provide a private dressing, shower, and toilet facility for umpires. This area shall provide enough lockers (each a minimum of 36" w x 72" h, or a comparable alternative configuration) to accommodate the number of umpires typically assigned to work in the applicable classification of play. Minimum floorspace requirements for the umpire facilities shall be 200 sq. ft. (as measured from the base of each wall).

## 5.4 FEMALE STAFF FACILITIES

All facilities shall provide a private dressing, shower, and toilet facility that is available only to female umpires and female staff of the home and visiting Major League organizations. Such dressing area shall be located in reasonable proximity to the home and visiting clubhouses and shall include a minimum of four lockers (each a minimum of 24" w x 72" h), two showerheads, two water closets, and two lavatories. Minimum floorspace requirements for the female staff facilities shall be 200 sq. ft. (as measured from the base of each wall).

Notwithstanding the forgoing, facilities may include multiple separate dressing areas for home and visiting female staff and umpires, provided that at least two lockers, one shower, one water closet, and one lavatory are available in each location for female staff. For the avoidance of doubt, the combined requirements of such facilities remain as outlined above.

## 5.5 WEIGHT ROOM

Each facility shall provide an enclosed, climate-controlled weight and training space that must be made available to both the home and visiting PDL Club. All such facilities shall be a minimum of 750 sq. ft.

The PDL Club shall provide rubber flooring designed for professional training activity (e.g., PLAE flooring or other appropriate flooring with approval of the Major League Baseball Club). All other weight room equipment shall be selected and purchased by the Major League Baseball Club, and the Major League Baseball Club shall retain ownership of all such equipment.

#### 5.6 HITTING/PITCHING TUNNELS

Each facility shall provide two covered tunnels for players to practice hitting and pitching in an enclosed environment, protected from wind-blown rain. Each tunnel should have minimum dimensions of 12 feet (height) x 15 feet (width) x 75 feet (length). These tunnels should be reasonably close to the home clubhouse and provide minimal public access. Each tunnel to have its own 8'x8' padded pitching screen.

In addition, all hitting and pitching tunnels shall include sufficient lighting systems (minimum 70 fc). The tunnel area shall be well ventilated and provide direct access to power outlets.

All hitting and pitching tunnels, and associated screens, shall include professional quality netting without defects. Once a defect has been identified, the PDL Club shall immediately provide the Major League Baseball Club with a schedule for the repair or replacement of the defective netting. Such replacement shall, if identified during the playing season, be made as soon as

possible. In no instance shall the period of repair for a netting defect identified during or immediately prior to the playing season span a period of more than 2 weeks.

## 5.7 PRE- AND POST-GAME WAITING AREA

It is recommended that all facilities provide a pre-game and post-game waiting area for families of players and other uniformed personnel.

## SECTION 6.0 HIGH-SPEED INTERNET

## 6.1 PRIMARY INTERNET CONNECTION

Each facility shall provide Wi-Fi connectivity through a dedicated internet connection ("Primary Internet Connection") for the exclusive use of players and staff of the home and visiting Major League organizations. The Primary Internet Connection shall provide a minimum 300 Mb of synchronous bandwidth. In the event that a dedicated, 300 Mb synchronous bandwidth connection is not available in a particular market, the facility shall provide the dedicated internet connection with the highest synchronous bandwidth available. If no dedicated, synchronous bandwidth connection is available, the facility shall provide the shared connection with the highest available bandwidth.

Separate virtual local area networks ("VLANs") shall be made available for the home PDL Club and the visiting PDL Club. Each of the home and visiting PDL Club VLANs shall be accessible in the hitting and pitching tunnels, weight room, female staff facilities, press box area, and the respective clubhouse areas (i.e., the dressing areas, training room and other areas of the clubhouse utilized by players and staff). The Major League Baseball Club shall determine the appropriate allocation of bandwidth to each location served by the VLANs, provided that the home PDL Club may not receive a greater allocation than the visiting PDL Club in any location. Firewalls shall be established at any point of connection between any networks of different trust levels (e.g., local area network, cloud, and the internet) and on all points of connection between the home and visiting networks.

## 6.2 SECONDARY INTERNET CONNECTION

Each facility shall be equipped with a shared internet connection ("Secondary Internet Connection") for the exclusive use of players and staff of the home and visiting Major League organizations in the event of a Primary Internet Connection failure. The Secondary Internet Connection shall provide a minimum of 150 Mb of asynchronous bandwidth, or the highest shared bandwidth connection available.

#### SECTION 7.0 PLAYING FIELD

## 7.1 FIELD DIMENSIONS AND PLAYING SURFACE

Layouts, playing surfaces, lighting systems, irrigation systems, and field drainage systems of all facilities in which construction commenced on or after October 1, 2020, (and modifications to existing fields) shall be submitted for approval by Major League Baseball.

All field dimensions shall comply with Section 2 of the Official Baseball Rules.

All facilities shall provide a field surface (natural or synthetic) without defects and/or "triphazards" (e.g., divots in the playing surface, uneven transitions between areas of the playing surface, etc.) that could affect the normal play of the game or jeopardize player safety. Warning track material shall identify all zones within 15' of all walls and fences. This warning track must be of a material to provide visual and tactile notice of a significant change in surface type.

Any defect or trip-hazards that may jeopardize player safety shall be rectified by the PDL Club as soon as practicable. In the event that the issue cannot be resolved immediately, the PDL Club shall promptly provide MLB with a schedule for the resolution of the issue. MLB shall approve the proposed schedule or issue a revised timeline. Any PDL Club that fails to comply with the relevant schedule for the correction of a player safety concern may be subject to punitive action at the discretion of the Commissioner or the Commissioner's designee, including but not limited to, a fine not to exceed \$300,000.

## 7.2 FIELD GRADE

The infield grass should be graded so that the playing surface is flat (i.e., 0% slope). The slope of the infield skin, as measured from the base locations to the 95' infield arc, should not exceed 0.5%. The maximum positive grade from baseline to dugout step should not exceed 8". The maximum positive grade from second base to the outfield warning track shall be 20".

## 7.3 FIELD WALL

The permanent outfield wall or fence in all facilities shall be a minimum of 8' high. All outfield walls and walls beyond the dugouts down the left- and right-field foul lines shall include protective padding that stretches at least 8' high (or to the top of the wall). Any scoreboard or video board that includes light emitting diode ("LED") technology shall also include appropriate safeguards to prevent player injuries.

Notwithstanding the forgoing, in facilities in which construction commenced prior to October 1, 2020, any existing outfield wall may be a minimum of 4' high, including space directly in front of a bullpen area.

## 7.4 BULLPENS

All facilities must provide a bullpen area for each team. For facilities in which construction commenced on or after October 1, 2020, the bullpen areas must be located off the playing field.

Each bullpen area must be visible to both dugouts and to the press box. This requirement may be satisfied with a closed-circuit video feed. Each bullpen shall have two regulation pitching mounds and home plates, adequate distance and clearance for each pitcher and catcher, and a bench for 10 players. All bullpens located off the playing field shall include a protective overhead cover and may satisfy the aforementioned seating requirement with either chairs or a bench. If the bullpens are in foul territory, care shall be taken to integrate the slope of the pitcher's mound into the field so as not to create a trip hazard for fielders as they approach the bullpen. It is recommended that the warning track in any facility with bullpens located in foul

territory extend at least 8' from the bullpen mounds to the playing field. All facilities shall have dedicated phones or other handheld transceivers ("walkie- talkies") connecting the bullpens to the dugouts.

## 7.5 **DUGOUTS**

All facilities must provide two covered dugouts (home and visitor). Each dugout must provide a bench with seatback of minimum 45 feet in length. A bench that backs up to the dugout wall shall satisfy the seatback requirement. Each dugout must have a helmet rack for a minimum of 15 helmets, a bat rack for a minimum of 30 bats, and sufficient space for five 5-gallon water jugs. All facilities must provide a clean water source within 100 feet of the home and visiting dugouts. All dugouts shall provide an anti-skid surface on all steps and walkways.

Facilities for which construction commenced on or after October 1, 2020, must provide direct access to a restroom.

The entire length of each dugout, excluding any walkways to the playing field, shall be covered by a guardrail that includes professional quality protective netting. If a defect is identified, the PDL Club shall immediately provide the Major League Baseball Club with a schedule for the repair or replacement of the defective netting. Such replacement shall, if identified during the playing season, be made within 2 weeks.

# 7.6 FIELD EQUIPMENT

All facilities shall provide the following field equipment. Examples given shall serve as guidelines for equipment quality, and the equipment provided shall meet or exceed the examples specified.

#### 7.6.1 BATTING CAGE

All facilities shall provide a full cover, portable batting cage with appropriate padding. New batting cages shall have minimum dimensions of 18' wide, 14' deep and 9' high.

#### 7.6.2 FIELD SCREENS

All facilities shall provide a pitching screen, first base screen, 2nd base/double play screen, batting practice pitching deck, and a shag protector screen. Screens shall have the following minimum dimensions:

Pitching screen: 8' h x 8' w with 4' x 4' notch in upper corner; fully padded

Double play screen: 8' h x 14' w with hinged wings

First base and shag protector screens: 8' h x 8' w.

Turf protector: 25'd x 20'wa x 70'wb

Home plate hitting mat: 6' x 12'

An additional 8' h x 8' w pitching screen is required for each bullpen located on the playing field.

The Major League Baseball Club may waive the above turf protector requirement in cases in which the facility has a synthetic turf surface.

All screens shall include professional quality netting without defects, and periodic checks of the batting cage and all screens shall be performed to verify frame and net integrity. Once a defect has been identified, the PDL Club shall immediately provide the Major League Baseball Club with a schedule for the repair or replacement of the defective screen or batting cage. Such replacement shall, if identified during the playing season, be made within 2 weeks.

## 7.6.3 BATTER'S EYE

All facilities shall provide a solid monochromatic batter's eye painted in a flat, dark color with minimum dimensions of at least 30' high and 60' wide centered in the outfield. Facilities for which construction commenced on or after October 1, 2020, must provide minimum dimensions of at least 36' high and 60' wide. If a centerfield camera is integrated into the batter's eye, the camera must be the same color as the batter's eye. Irrespective of the size of the batter's eye, any advertising signage around the batter's eye within the 50' h x 100' w area centered in the outfield shall not include white lettering, a white background, any neon or LED lighting, or other lighting or motion effects.

## 7.6.4 FOUL POLES

All facilities shall provide two foul poles of a bright color that are a minimum of 30' high (45' is recommended) with a screen to the fair side of the pole. Signage on the pole/screen shall contain minimal white lettering or graphics, and all signage shall be flush with the screen and pole. There must be a minimum of 18" between the foul line/pole at fence level if such pole contains any white signage. All foul poles located in the playing field shall include protective padding covering at least 8' vertically at the base.

## 7.7 FIELD LIGHTING

All lighting systems shall maintain the following minimum brightness requirements:

Infield: 100 fc average

Outfield: 70 fc average

Bullpen: 50 fc average

All lighting systems shall operate with a maximum uniformity ratio of 1.2/1 in the infield and 2/1 in the outfield. The uniformity ratios shall be computed by comparing the highest and lowest footcandle readings in the infield and the outfield.

The evaluation grid used to assess compliance with the standards above shall include 16 light measurements taken in the infield, starting at home plate on a 30'x30' grid pattern. Outfield

readings shall be taken on a 60'x60' grid pattern starting 15' in from each foul line and 45' out from each infield base line. 29 outfield readings shall be taken. All readings shall be taken 3' off the ground. The cell of the light meter shall be self-leveling and mounted on a fixed tripod. The bullpen grid shall include pitcher's mound, bullpen home plate and midpoint for each pitching location.

All new field lighting systems for which construction commenced on or after October 1, 2020, including both new facilities and substantial modifications to existing lighting systems (e.g., a modification that involves the installation of new lighting poles), shall be submitted to Major League Baseball for approval in advance of construction. All new lighting systems shall utilize an LED source, follow IES RP-6-15 standards (unless specified otherwise under this provision), and meet the following minimum standards:

Color temperature shall be greater than or equal to 5000°K

Color Rendering Index (CRI) shall be minimum of 75

Light Loss Factor (LLF) shall be minimum of 0.88

Average footcandle readings in foul territory shall be a minimum of 70% of the standard applicable to the immediately adjacent area in fair territory

## 7.8 BATTING CAGE GATE

All facilities shall provide a gate large enough to allow the batting cage to be freely taken to and from the playing field.

## 7.9 BACKSTOP

All facilities shall provide a backstop behind home plate and extending to dugouts. The configuration and dimensions shall vary due to sight-lines for the press box and insurance requirements for the facility. Periodic inspections shall be performed to ensure the integrity of the backstop. LED lighting and white signage may not be used within the backstop.

#### 7.10 PLAYING FIELD TARPS

All facilities shall provide a full infield tarp and pitcher's mound, home plate, base pit, and bullpen tarps. Notwithstanding the foregoing, the requirement for a full infield tarp and base pit may be waived by the parent Major League Baseball Club on an annual basis prior to opening day of each playing season in the event that the facility is located in an area that does not experience sufficient rainfall to justify the expense of a playing field tarp. All playing field tarps shall be adequately sized to prevent water from running under the edge to a dirt area. The tarps shall be stored in an easily accessible location but in a way not to create a safety hazard on the playing field. Each facility is required to provide adequate manpower to operate the placement and/or removal of the tarps.

#### SECTION 8.0 MAINTENANCE

This section outlines requirements and recommendations for overall maintenance of the facility and playing field in a professional manner.

## 8.1 FIELD MAINTENANCE STAFF & PRACTICES

The playing field shall be maintained at the highest possible professional level. Every effort shall be made to ensure the safety of the players and the smooth play of the game. The facility shall follow professional groundskeeping practices; the heads groundskeeper should have a turfgrass degree or certification from a program of 2 years or more (or, with the written approval of MLB, other satisfactory accreditation or experience); and all facilities shall maintain a groundskeeping staff sufficient to consistently prepare the playing field in a timely fashion. In no circumstances shall players or coaches be asked or required to participate in groundskeeping activities.

In addition, the facility's groundskeeping maintenance practices shall be compiled in a written document. This document (the "Groundskeeping Program") shall outline the management practices used to maintain all aspects of the playing surface, including the irrigation system, drainage system, and any field equipment used by the Club. The Groundskeeping Program should also clearly outline the team's daily, weekly, and monthly turf grass management practices, and provide an inventory of all field materials to be used during the playing season, the titles of all groundskeeping staff employed by the team, and the pre- and post-game maintenance protocols for all clay areas. This Groundskeeping Program must be filed annually and approved by Major League Baseball prior to opening day of the playing season.

## **8.2** FIELD MAINTENANCE EQUIPMENT

Professional maintenance equipment shall be used at all facilities. An infield drag machine, 1-ton roller, small tiller, nail-drags, screen drags, plate compactor, and tamps are required to maintain all dirt and warning track areas. Facilities with natural turf surfaces are required to possess the following professional field care equipment: triplex or rotary mower, aerator, topdresser, fertilizer spreader, utility cart, tractor, and spray rig). Facilities with synthetic turf surfaces are required to possess the following professional field care equipment: turf groomer, topdresser, turf magnet and sweeper.

#### 8.3 PLAYING FIELD RECONDITIONING

All clay areas and the warning track shall be repaired and groomed for competition prior to each game with the use of professional maintenance equipment that have been approved in accordance with the team's Groundskeeping Program. Consistent mowing of all turfgrass as to not remove more than 30% of the grass blade in a single mowing is recommended.

## 8.4 FIELD MAINTENANCE MATERIALS

All facilities are required to have a sufficient amount of field maintenance products and drying material on hand to repair all playing surfaces as needed. A professional drying agent and/or calsonite clay may be used to stabilize areas affected by excessive moisture.

## 8.5 IRRIGATION SYSTEM

All facilities shall provide a full field irrigation system as well as water lines 1 1/2" or larger behind both home plate and second base for watering the infield grass and base pit areas. It is recommended that a series of water outlets 1" or larger distributed around the playing field in order to water the field if the irrigation system should become inoperable.

All new irrigation systems for which construction commenced on or after October 1, 2020 shall provide a full-field irrigation system that is designed to discharge a minimum of 60 gallons per minute and quick couplers located behind home plate, the pitcher's mound, and in reasonable proximity to the bullpens. All irrigation rotors shall not exceed 0.25 inches below turf canopy. All valve boxes shall be covered with synthetic turf and set flush with the turf canopy.

## 8.6 FIELD DRAINAGE SYSTEM

Facilities in which construction commenced on or after October 1, 2020 shall provide a subsurface drainage system integrated into the subbase of the turf (natural or synthetic) surface. This system shall be a system of a drain tile fields in a porous collection bed (or similar system) below the turf.