

RENOVATION RECOMMENDATIONS

To renovate your field for future play, we recommend these steps:

- 1. The most critical consideration in field renovation is to make sure your field is graded properly to facilitate surface runoff of rainfall. All other renovations will only be marginally effective without the proper grade. Sub-surface drain systems under the skinned area of your infiel-- including sub-surface materials such as sand and crushed ston-- are generally unnecessary and a waste of valuable financial resources that can be used more efficiently. (There are exceptions to this rule if you have an unusually high water table or if external water runoff onto your field is an issue. Consult your design professional if you have either of these problems.) An experienced athletic field contractor with laser grading equipment is strongly recommended to insure the final grade is properly installed.
- 2. Spike drag the top inch of the existing infield skin. Add new infield mix and spread evenly over the skinned areas of the infield including the home plate area and baselines. Spike drag again to integrate the new infield mix into the existing material to avoid having separate layers of compacted material.
- 3. Compact the materials with a roller to keep a smooth and level surface. A one-ton roller is sufficient and light moisture during application can help compaction and manageability of the mix.
- 4. Rake or screen drag the skinned surface to loosen and smooth the top $\frac{1}{4}$ "-1/2" and your field is ready for play.