NFHS Softball

Pitching Plate Relocation Instructions
This PowerPoint presentation was produced to assist schools in relocating their pitching plate from 40 to 43 feet.

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Softball Pitching Plate Relocation

40’ to 43’

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Select Grayscale if you don’t want Color

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Tools and Materials needed

• Tools
  - Pick
  - Square Point Shovel
  - Landscape Rake
  - Level
  - Builders Triangle
  - String and Screwdrivers
  - Stomper
  - 100’ Tape Measure
  - Towel
  - Pen

• Materials
  - Mound Bricks
  - Water
  - Mound Clay
  - Infield Topdressing
  - Builders Triangle
  - String and Screwdrivers
  - Stomper
  - 100’ Tape Measure
Tools & Materials Needed
Pick Pitching Plate Edges and Remove
Add Water and Pack Old Location
Fill and Pack holes and Low Spots
Wet and Repack
String from Homeplate Apex to Middle of 2nd
Mark Area for Pitching Plate to be Installed

Make a little larger to allow for Adjustment and addition of Bricks if needed
Mark Middle of Pitching Plate, 12"

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Use Square to Draw a Perpendicular Line
Marked Area to be Dug
Dig Out Hole
Place in Dugout Hole
Adjust into Holes
Level and Align
Check Distance and Centerline
Recheck as Needed
Recheck Levelness
Add Mound Bricks if Desired or Clay
Two Rows for Better Wear
Place Dry Towel before Tamping

Be sure that front edge of Rubber is Visible
Firm Tamping on Towel
Recheck Height and Bricks
Add Mound Clay
Spread smooth
Place Towel
Tamp as Needed
Add Additional Clay and Tamp as Needed
Rake Smooth
Smooth and Fill in Low Spots, Wet Down
Add Infield Conditioner
Spread Evenly
Broom or Rake Smooth
If Mound Bricks or Mound Clay are Added, Keep Covered with a tarp, Rubber Mat or Other Material to keep the Rain Water from Soaking in and making the Mound Mucky. Also keep it covered during the Hot Sun to Keep from Cracking
Good Luck from the OSAA & AFD
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