



Baseball & Softball Full Field Covers

Basic Tips

Ballasting the Cover once it is in place on the field can be done in several ways. Sand bags and using the culvert is the most common way. You can use stakes through the grommets if ordered. If sand bags are used, a minimum of 50 bags are recommended to be placed around the perimeter. Sandbags are the recommended method as they can be carted with a lawnmower cart for deployment and removal with minimum effort.

Do not leave the Cover on the field for an extended period of time. It is recommended to remove the Cover as soon as possible so as not to damage the grass beneath it. **DO NOT LEAVE THE COVER ON THE FIELD DURING PERIODS OF NON-USE OR DURING SUNNY WEATHER.**

When deploying the Cover, always make sure the white side is up so the Cover can reflect the heat. This will reduced the likelihood of heat damage to your grass.

If you have excess of water on the cover after a storm, it is recommended to turn the Cover over by pulling from the third or first base edge towards the outfield and dumping the water onto the outfield field grass. Then simply pull the Cover back into place and begin folding per instructions. Excess water can also be removed by using a large squee-gee.

When purchasing a culvert, make sure it is at least 24 inches in diameter and 20 feet long. The larger the diameter of the culvert, the easier it is to roll in and out. Plastic culverts are preferable over metal and can be purchased at most local steel or construction supply retailers. If you can not locate a culvert, call any heavy construction company in your area and ask where they get culverts. Feel free to ask WeatherBeater for assistance.

Do not walk on your Cover with cleats, as it will pierce the Cover causing it to leak.

When storing the culvert for the winter, always place the Sideline Cover around the rolled up Cover. Precautions, such as rodent bait or traps, should be taken to prevent any unwanted rodents/animals from damaging the Cover during long periods of storage.

First Time Deployment & Removal

Additional Item: For ease of deployment you will need a plastic culvert at least 24 inches in diameter and 20 feet long.

Delivery

When your Cover is delivered, you will need to unload the palletted cargo on the grass behind the third base coaches' box. It should be placed far enough behind third base so that it can be rolled toward second base without rolling on the infield dirt.

Carefully remove the shipping cover from around the Cover, making sure not to cut or slice into the package.

Roll the culvert to center field, just behind the second base track. This can be used later to help anchor the Cover.

Unroll the Cover on the grass in the outfield just behind the infield track between second and third base. You will be rolling it towards second base.

Your Cover will be packaged at the factory so that the white side of the Cover will be up when the Cover is deployed. If this did not happen, you will need to unfold the Cover toward the left field fence instead of toward first base. Then, the Cover can be pulled from left field toward first base until it covers the infield playing area.

Deployment

Roll the Cover onto the grass about 10-15 feet behind the third base coaches box.

Remove the protective cover once you have the Cover on the grass. Note: this cover is to protect the Cover from not only UV Rays but also from abrasive gravel when rolling it across the warning tracks.

Roll the Cover to center field, just behind the second base track. Leave culvert behind second base. This can be used later to help anchor the Cover.

Hold the leading edge of the Cover and begin pulling toward first base line. Continue this until the Cover is completely extended.

A Helpful Hint: As the Cover is being pulled across the field, some air under the Cover will aid in its deployment. However, the lower the Cover is to the ground, the fewer the air pockets to be smoothed when deployment is completed. Once the Cover is deployed, the air pockets under the cover should quickly dissipate.

CAUTION: WHEN PULLING THE COVER OUT, REMEMBER TO PULL WITH YOUR LEGS AND NOT YOUR BACK. AS YOU PULL OUT THE FOLDS IN THE COVER, IT IS NORMAL TO FEEL SUDDEN RESISTANCE, BUT PULL THROUGH THESE SLOWLY. DO MAKE SURE THE COVER IS NOT CAUGHT ON ANYTHING THAT WOULD CAUSE THE COVER TO RIP.

Removal

If your Cover has gathered a large amount of water, the cover may be sqee-geed at this point or the cover can be pulled over the top of itself and water distributed into the outfield of your choice. (See Basic Tips.)

Line up players or groundskeepers between second and third base on the second seam of the Cover which will be the edge closest to the left field wall (approximately 24 feet from edge of the Cover).

Grab the Cover and pull towards the left field wall in unison until you are lined up with the edge of the Cover. This will begin your accordion fold.

NOTE: It is very important to remove your Cover in a manner such that the seams do not peel apart. Hold the whole seam in your fist along with some of the Cover material and pull to make the accordion folds. SEAMS ARE VERY STRONG WHEN PULLED AGAINST, BUT CAN BE EASILY PEELED APART IF YOU PULL ON THEM DIRECTLY!

Continue the process on EACH SEAM FROM THE EDGE (@ 12' increments) AFTER THE INITIAL FOLD, until the Cover is completely accordion folded to approximately 12 feet wide. Pull the last section of the Cover over the top to complete the accordion fold to allow easy access for deployment next time.

The culvert should have been place near the second base line. Roll the culvert on to the end of the Cover closest to second base and begin rolling the Cover up. Have a few members walk in front of the culvert to get the air out of the Cover as it is rolling up.

Be sure to roll the Cover as straight as possible so the cover does not extend over the edge of the culvert as the Sideline Cover will not fit the culvert properly. If the Cover begins to roll crookedly, unroll the cover until straight and begin rolling again.

Roll the Cover to the side of the field for storage and put on the Sideline Cover. If your cover has sponsorship ads on it, be sure ad faces toward the stands and right side up.

Repair Instructions

General: Apply the patch when the ambient temperature is more than 50 degrees Fahrenheit whenever possible. Allow tape to cure approximately 24 hours before stressing the repair area.

Place area to be repaired on a flat surface

Clean and dry area to be patched

Straighten out the area, smoothing the spot to be repaired

Cut out patch with rounded corners; assuring that there is adhesive to the very edge of the patch

Remove release tape and apply the patch as smoothly as possible to the area to be patched.

In the course of everyday wear and tear, a seam may be pulled apart. The single-sided repair tape can be put in the overlapping seam area using the same basic techniques as described above. The only difference being there will be no additional material applied, just the repair tape in the seam.

Note: The adhesive is very "sticky" and can "gum-up" ordinary office scissors. We recommend using a box cutter or rotary blade cutter.

Additional patches and/or repair material is available from WeatherBeater.

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