

“Building YOUR Field of Dreams”

HOSTETLER LAWN & LANDSCAPING, INC.

Sports Fields • Site Work • Ball Mix • Turf Seeding

Ball Mix – Product Data Sheet

Product Description: *Ball Mix* is our own proprietary infield mix blend of all natural aggregates. It is comprised of sand, silt and clay. This natural reddish brown product is achieved by processing the aggregate mixture through a screening method. *Ball Mix* has NO man made crushed content and is derived entirely from all natural materials.

Characteristics: *Ball Mix* is a uniform and consistent medium which holds form well. Its form and consistency can be adjusted and controlled to meet the preferences of individual organizations by simply adding or adjusting the water content. *Ball Mix* drains well and dries quickly for minimal rain interruptions or game cancellations. It is easily groomed and maintained. The uniform nature provides a safe playing surface with dependable bounce and good playability.

Particle Size Analysis:

Sand 70% +/- Clay 17% +/- Silt 13% +/-

Application: *Ball Mix* is ideal as the base and/or finish layers on any type of ball diamond infield and warning tracks. *Ball Mix* has also been successfully used on shot put areas, tennis courts, horse tracks, equestrian riding arenas, and RC race tracks.

Maintenance: To maintain the proper consistency of the natural materials in *Ball Mix* it is important to follow a good maintenance program. If a consistent maintenance program is not followed, the fines will separate from the coarser material and the surface will become too soft or loose. Every spring the skin areas of *Ball Mix* should be scarified to a depth of 2 – 3 inches. We recommend the use of a nail drag to scarify for deep blending and a screen drag to smooth the surface. During the season the *Ball Mix* should be lightly nail dragged to loosen the soil; any low areas or holes raked smooth; and then the screen drag used to smooth the surface. This should be done in multiple directions. After a rain, the nail drag can be used to open the surface and help facilitate drying. If the *Ball Mix* is lacking moisture, the nail drag can be used to open the surface and then water can be added. Always finish with the screen drag in multiple directions. This should be done at least once a week. For ongoing maintenance, we recommend a schedule of importing new *Ball Mix* every few years or as needed to refresh and recondition the surface. This helps maintain proper levels and consistencies.