


# *Disengage-able bases on non-league fields?*

**Q:** “The question came up regarding the (new disengage-able) base rule on non-League owned fields? Are we responsible to mandate the use of disengage-able bases on non-league fields, such as school or privately owned fields? Please let me know whatever you can about this issue!”

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**A:** Yes, all fields you use must have bases that disengage from their anchors, whether your league owns the field or you just are allowed its use. This would include game sites and practice sites. The rule (page 46) states: Rule 1.06 ... “Leagues are required to ensure that first, second and third bases will disengage their anchor.” It does not specify the field’s ownership, and like all Little League rules, applies both to practice and games.

If you do not own the field, and are concerned that the school or other body may not see the value in replacing the bases with the disengage-able anchor style, I would use the material on Little League’s website and in past issues of *ASAP News* to help them see how much this is going to reduce injuries. And not just for your league’s players, but everyone who uses the fields. Here are some links to more information on disengage-able bases:

[http://www.LittleLeague.org/Learn\\_More/rules/Disengage-Able\\_Base\\_Rule.htm](http://www.LittleLeague.org/Learn_More/rules/Disengage-Able_Base_Rule.htm)