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Hello,

I wanted to write to the City Council/Mayor about an issue we have been dealing with while playing slow-pitch in Ames for an number of years.

The fields on both the north and south side of 13th street cause many significant potentials for injury. In slow-pitch we try to avoid collisions, thus adding a may at the back of Homeplate to keep from issues. On 2nd and 3rd base we should slide to prevent collisions, however in the current condition most players are not willing to slide. I have a player that needed to get stiches on his ankle due to sliding to avoid a collision. I have seen players slip because of the dirt being compacted, and it is considered a :”mark of honor” having your leg scrapped up because of sliding. The other issue that we see is balls taking hops due to hitting rocks, with some bouncing into players faces.

If possible, I would like to talk with the City Council and/or the Mayor about these issues. I’m sure it would be a large investment to replace the infield on the fields, but the safety of the players is at risk in the current condition.

Thank you for your time,

Jeremy