

## **Batting Cage Policy and Guidelines**

### **Before using the batting cage**

Ensure you are entitled to use the cage based on the scheduling policy for your division. Teams scheduled for the cages have priority over walk-ins.

Check the following

- Are there any safety hazards in the cage? (I once found a knife)
- Is all the machinery dry and in good working condition?
- Is the dirt in working condition? Surface should be firm and there should be no standing water
- Are power cords dry and undamaged

If any of these conditions exist, either correct them or don't use the cage. Safety first!

### **While using the cage**

Generally, one adult (in the cage) is not sufficient to keep other kids organized and safe. Another adult should be present.

- All players in cage must be properly wearing a batting helmet
- Control the bats (no swinging outside the cage)
- Only adults can use machines or pitch hardballs (kids may pitch waffle balls when at a safe distance)
- Use the L-screen for protection
- No more than one bat in the cage at a time
- Close the gate to the cage while in use
- Make sure safety netting is in place, particularly around the gates

### **After using the cage**

- Leave the cage in better shape than you found it. Clean up dropped trash.
- Put away balls.
- Unplug the machines and wrap the cord over the machine (so it will be protected when the can covers the machine)
- Cover the machine with the trash can.
- Lock the cage.

Teams found repeatedly violating these rules may lose cage privileges.