



## Batting Cage Guidelines

- First come, first serve.
- An adult must always be in the cage when it is being used by a player.
- The adult must have submitted the Little League Volunteer Form and had it approved.
- Proper safety equipment must be worn at all times.
- Batters must use the yellow balls provided in each cage.
- **Rake in low areas in batter box when finished using the cage.**
- **On Game days when other teams are waiting:**
  - **15 minutes per team total – not from when the next team arrives.** Each kid should only get 5-6 swings in that timeframe.
  - Use one side of the cage only.
  - A team may not use the cage during the time their team is assigned to use the field for pregame warm ups.
  - Teams playing have priority, the next time slot has priority in the case of Saturdays.
  - No one league has priority over another.
- **During practices when other teams are waiting:**
  - **30 minutes per team** (this does not mean 30 minutes from when a team starts waiting, it's 30 minutes period. If you have been in the cage for 20 minutes and a team shows up, you have 10 minutes.
  - Use one side of the cage only.
  - Any team can use the cage, whether they have practice time scheduled or not.
- **Use of Pitching machine**
  - Only an adult can operate the pitching machine
  - **It must be covered after use, regardless of whether it is the last practice of the day.**
  - **If there is not a team waiting to use the machine, cover the machine. If you did not use it, you should still cover it.**

### Common Observations to Consider:

- We are community baseball. Be courteous to other teams
- Teams are only sending one kid at a time to the cage so they are waiting while kids shuffle back and forth.
- The pitching machine is frequently left plugged in and unused. That piece of equipment cost the league close to \$2,000. We need to take care of it.
- Kids are swinging bats and hitting balls without helmets on, sometimes in the "soft toss" area. It is the coaches' responsibility to make sure that the cage area remains safe for all of the kids.
- No practice swings outside of cage area.

***If we all follow these guidelines, there should not be a problem with availability or safety.***