



# Cloverdale Minor Baseball

## Batting Cage Policies

### General Rules & Etiquette

- No smoking in the batting cage, or near the main entrance.
- No food of any kind in the batting cage. This especially includes gum and sunflower seeds!
- No beverages except water in the batting cage (this means no sports drinks). Coffee in the seating area for parents is okay.
- Only clean runners or turf shoes are to be worn. NO CLEATS
- Batting helmets must be worn while batting.
- Only adults are to feed or operate the pitching machines.
- Only Pee Wee, Bantam & Midget are to use the Iron Mike pitching machine.
- Balls are to be placed back in the buckets and not in your baseball bags.
- Please DO NOT enter the batting cage until the previous team has cleared out of the cage. This includes the seating area! It is very difficult to ensure that all players have collected their equipment if your team has crowded in and mixed their bags and equipment with the other team's equipment.
- Teams ARE NOT to run over their allotted time. When your hour is done – you're done! This means no excuses like "one last batter" or "quick team meeting" or "we got in late". You must be OUT OF THE CAGE by the time your hour is done. The clock in the seating area will be considered the official time as far as when each session will start and end.

Therefore, teams must start cleaning up their equipment 5 minutes prior to the end of their session, so they have vacated the batting cage on time. The clock on the wall in the batting cage (near the door) will be considered the official time for the batting cage.

- All teams are responsible to clean up the batting cage each time they are finished their session. This means that balls in buckets (or back in the iron mike machine), bats hung up, and tees returned to the wood platform at the south end of the cage. DO NOT leave tees in pieces spread around the cage!
- If you use a pitching machine during your session, please return it to the wood platform at the south end of the cage when your session is over. DO NOT leave the pitching machine inside the hitting area when you are done unless the following group explicitly requests that you leave it as they want to use it.
- NEVER hit while an unused pitching machine is inside the net. When the machines get hit by batted balls they get damaged, and are difficult and expensive to repair.
- DO NOT REMOVE ANYTHING from the batting cage without permission. This especially includes the batting tees. If you need a tee for one of the diamonds, please contact the equipment manager to request one.
- DO NOT ADD ANYTHING into the batting cage without permission. Anything found in the batting cage that is not standard equipment will be removed and placed in the dumpster or in the lost and found.
- DO NOT attach or hang ANYTHING onto the nets, to the fielding or L screens, or to the pitching targets. Hanging things (throwing targets, etc) to them causes damage that is difficult and expensive to repair.
- If anything in the batting cage is in need of repair, please report it to the batting cage maintenance person or the president. See the contacts page on the web site for proper contact info.



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### Booking Rules

- An access code, available from the batting cage coordinator, is required to enter the cage each time it is to be used. A person who has been assigned an access code is responsible for any damage that may occur during their booked time. Therefore, giving an access code to a 3rd party is not allowed. Anyone found to be asking for an access code and then giving that code to an outside party will have their batting cage privileges revoked.
- Booking the batting cage will be done online. Batting cage booking times are a one hour session. Booking slots will begin with an 8am – 9am spot and end with a 9pm – 10pm spot. Bookings must begin on the hour.
- Bantam A, Pee Wee A, Mosquito and Tadpole teams can only book the cage once a week.
- Pee Wee AA should book 7:00 PM or later on weeknights, and all Bantam and Midget teams should book at 8pm or later on weeknights, in order to allow the younger divisions to use the earlier time slots.
- AA & AAA teams can book once Monday – Friday and once on Saturday or Sunday.
- Any open spots are available to any team once that day begins (12:01 AM of the day in question).
- Current members in good standing with the league may book the cage in the off season free of charge if space is available. To use the batting cage in the off-season, please contact the President or Batting Cage Coordinator. However planned clinics, team work-out sessions, and batting cage cleaning and maintenance will take priority, even if for some reason it does not show as booked on the online system. Just because it shows as open DOES NOT mean the cage is available for your use.
- Any violation of the above rules could result in the loss of your team's batting cage times.