



# Sherwood Park Minor Baseball Association



## BATTING CAGE RULES

Batting Cage privileges at Sherwood Heights are provided to all coaches and assistant coaches on behalf of their teams following participation in cage safety and access orientation. Failure to comply with the following rules may result in forfeiture of batting cage privileges for the offender and/or their team.

### SAFETY

- ⇒ The pitching machine may only be operated by a coach, assistant coach, or trained parent.
- ⇒ No youths, including players and siblings, are permitted in the pitching machine room.
- ⇒ Only one batter may be in the cage at a time, except when picking up baseballs.
- ⇒ The cage door must be securely shut while pitches are thrown.
- ⇒ An "L" Screen must be used when throwing live arm.
- ⇒ ALL batters must wear an approved batting helmet.
- ⇒ Only whiffle balls may be used for Soft Toss on the outside of the cage.
- ⇒ Climbing on the batting cage walls or roof is not permitted.
- ⇒ A coach or assistant coach must directly supervise all cage activity during their assigned time.
- ⇒ A coach or assistant coach has the authority and duty to challenge any unsupervised use of the cage, and to report such use to your League Director or another executive of SPMBA.

### ACCESS and MAINTENANCE

- ⇒ Each coach is responsible for opening and closing the cage at the start and end of their assigned cage time.
- ⇒ The machine room must be closed following use.
- ⇒ All balls must be collected in the bucket provided and place in the machine room.
- ⇒ The area must be left in a clean, presentable condition following use.
- ⇒ Damage to the cage and associated equipment must be reported immediately to your League Director or the Facilities Director at [facilities@spmba.ca](mailto:facilities@spmba.ca).
- ⇒ Scheduling conflicts discovered upon arrival at the cage should be resolved amicably between attending coaches and reported as soon as possible to [diamonds@spmba.ca](mailto:diamonds@spmba.ca).
- ⇒ If you discover the cage open and unattended, please close it. There is no need for it to be open and unattended at any time.

### GENERAL

- ⇒ Please arrive on time for your scheduled time and vacate the cage promptly at the end of your scheduled time.
- ⇒ If you do not plan to use your scheduled time, please advise [diamonds@spmba.ca](mailto:diamonds@spmba.ca) so the time slot can be released for others to use.
- ⇒ The current schedule will be posted on the website at [www.spmba.ca](http://www.spmba.ca). Vacant times may be booked by sending an email request to [diamonds@spmba.ca](mailto:diamonds@spmba.ca) indicating your team and the date and time you are requesting. Your request will be confirmed with 24 hours.
- ⇒ Times are booked on a first come first served basis.

On behalf of \_\_\_\_\_ (team name), we agree to abide by the Batting Cage Rules outlined above.

\_\_\_\_\_  
Head Coach (signature)

\_\_\_\_\_  
Date

*Please fax signed copy to 1-866-618-7580 or email to [diamonds@spmba.ca](mailto:diamonds@spmba.ca).*