

# Sunnyvale Little League

## SVLL Batting Cage Rules and Guidelines

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The following rules and regulations apply to league batting cages located at Serra Park and De Anza Park. Please ensure that your assistant coaches, parents, and players all understand these rules. Failure to comply may result in the revocation of batting cage access.

1. Any minor using the batting cages for hitting instruction **MUST** wear a batting helmet while inside the cages. That applies to the waiting area inside the cage area as well.
2. Any person using a pitching machine, throwing live pitching or throwing soft toss to a batter in the cages, must do so from behind an L-screen
3. Any person observing a hitting session, should do so from outside the cages.
4. When any activity is being conducted within the batting cages, the respective door for that respective tunnel should be closed.
5. Proper training and use of the pitching machines must be followed.
6. Pitching machines should be assembled, disassembled, and put away/secured properly after each batting cage use. Store each pitching machine **GENTLY** in the lockable storage box with the controller/motor facing the sky. Take every precaution store the pitching machines in a manner that will not bend the rotating wheels. **THESE ARE EXPENSIVE MACHINES.**
7. No food (including gum and sun flower seeds) or drinks (other than water) are allowed in the cages.
8. Only one child should be in the batting / pitching area at a time. This rule applies regardless of soft toss, live pitching or pitching machine sessions.
9. No swinging of bats or throwing balls in the waiting area in the batting cages.
10. No sitting on the metal storage boxes is allowed.

11. Managers and coaches should operate pitching machines (no players!). You must calibrate the machine (i.e. judge where the ball is projected by the machine) before a player is allowed to step into the batting area.
12. Be sure to store equipment in the lock boxes as you found that equipment. Pitching machines, extension cords, ball buckets, etc., should be locked up.
13. DO NOT take any of the baseballs in the cage. DO NOT swap out your worn out baseballs with the balls that are stored in the cages. We've stored a bucket of balls in the cages for your convenience. Respect your fellow teams by leaving them with a bucket of balls to use. If you need baseballs, contact the league equipment director.
14. DO NOT take any of the bow nets or hitting tees from the cages. Those are community nets, intended for additional hitting stations outside of the cages.
15. The netting should not be tied back to create an opening for the internal doors, leaving the doors or walls of the cages to be damaged during hitting.
16. DO NOT share the lock combination with anyone! Equipment has disappeared from the cages, which prompted us to change the lock combinations. In order for your team to use the cages, you or one of your registered assistant coaches must be present to supervise. Only you and your declared assistants should know the lock combinations.
17. No practice hitting or pitching with balls against the walls of the cages is allowed. This includes the inside and outside fencing areas around the batting cages.
18. No climbing on the batting cages, including its roof, is allowed.
19. No profanity is allowed.
20. No alcohol, tobacco, or drug use is allowed.
21. Coaches should fill in any holes that are created while pitching to the players and using the batting cages.

22. If any damage to the pitching machine, L-screen, netting, or cages, etc. occurs, inform Sunnyvale Little League as soon as possible.
23. Upon request by a representative of the City of Sunnyvale, Department of Public Safety, Emergency Services, or Sunnyvale Little League, any person must cooperate regarding the batting cages and possibly vacate the batting cages.
24. All inquiries and requests for batting cage use should be directed to Sunnyvale Little League

Serra Park Specific Rules:

1. Cleats are not allowed in the cages. The only exception is for teams taking batting practice immediately before a game. Cleats will wear down the turf in the cages, so please have your players wear turf shoes or tennis shoes when in the cages.
2. No muddy shoes allowed in the cages. It's impossible to clean mud off the turf, so please insist that your players wipe their shoes before entering the cages. Please pay particular attention to this rule after rainy days or heavy field watering.
3. When accessing / returning a pitching machine, you are required to lift the white trays out of the lock boxes in order to remove / replace these devices. Failure to do this could result in the rotating wheels being dented. These are very expensive machines, so please use care when setting them up / storing them.
4. One of the tripods in the cages is set in the upright position, with the locking bolt frozen into the tripod. This tripod cannot be broken down for storage. So when you are finished with the cages, please drape the orange bucket over the tripod. The goal is to keep the water off the top peg, in order to prevent rusting.

The batting cages are used by many, so please LEAVE THE CAGES CLEANER THAN YOU FOUND THEM!

If you have any questions, please contact your player agent.

Thank You,

Sunnyvale LL Board of Directors

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