



DEPARTMENT OF ATHLETICS

Softball and Baseball Batting Cage Rules:

The following rules have been established to ensure safe, appropriate and efficient usage of the Mid-Pacific baseball and softball batting cages. These rules must be adhered to at all times during use of the batting cages and the surrounding areas. **Individuals and/or teams observed to be in violation of these rules are subject to loss of privilege, as deemed appropriate by the Mid-Pacific athletic office.**

1. Regular school functions take precedence over the usage of the batting cages.
2. A Mid-Pacific staff member, a Mid-Pacific coach or a trained volunteer must be present during the time of the usage of the batting cages. The batting cage area is never to be left by the staff member, coach or volunteer during the time of usage.
3. Only members of the Mid-Pacific athletic program may use the batting cages, unless otherwise approved by the Mid-Pacific Athletic Office.
4. All athletes using the batting cage must have current physical examinations forms on file in the athletic office.
5. The Batting Cage Permission Form must be completed and signed by athletes and parents before participating in batting cage practices.
6. The batting cages may only be used during regular practice hours during the week: 3:30 p.m. – 7:00 p.m. On weekends the batting cages may be used from 9:00 a.m. – 7:00 p.m.
7. Vehicles may not be driven to the batting cage area. They must be parked on approved parking areas on campus.
8. No food or drinks are allowed inside the batting cages.
9. All users are expected to keep the batting cage area clean and free of litter and pick up all trash at the conclusion of usage.
10. The batting cages are intended for use only as designed, not as “play” areas. If the batting cage is not being actively used for its intended purpose, it must remain closed.
11. Abusive use and/or damaging of the batting cages will result in immediate removal and loss of privilege to use the facilities.
12. During use of pitching machines, only one player is permitted to bat at a time. Players awaiting their turn must wait outside of the batting cage with the door/net completely closed. Standing between the netting and the fence, or behind the protective pitching screen while waiting, is not permitted.
13. During use of pitching machines, protection screens (“L-Screens”) must be used at all times to protect the ball feeder and the pitching machine. Ball feeders must remain behind the protection screen at all times.
14. During batting practice, all batters are required to wear a NFHS approved protective batting helmet. Soft-toss batting with wiffle balls does not require helmets.
15. When in use, the batting cage access gate must be closed and/or the safety nets must be sealed.
16. Pitching machine adjustments must not be made with a batter in front of the machine. All adjustments need to be made from behind the machine.



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17. Bad weather: The pitching machines shall not be used when the inside of the facility gets wet.
18. When leaving the batting cages all balls, helmet and equipment must be picked up and returned to the allocated storage area.
19. Any equipment malfunction, damage to the batting cage area, or potential hazards must be immediately reported by the MPI athletic office.

Batting Cage Supervision:

The person supervising the usage of the batting cages must:

- Enforce all rules stated above
- Complete the Mid-Pacific application process before supervising batting practices
- Receive training from the baseball/softball head coach before supervising any activity in the batting cages
- Check each the physical examination status of each athlete before allowing them to use the facility
- Check the Batting Cage Permission Forms before allowing athletes to use the facilities



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BATTING CAGE PERMISSION FORM

Dear Parent or Legal Guardian,

You son/daughter is eligible to participate in batting cage practices which will take place in the baseball/softball batting cage at Mid-Pacific Institute. The activity will take place under the supervision of volunteer batting cage supervisors. These volunteers have completed the Mid-Pacific Institute application process. Additionally, they have been trained by the softball/baseball coaching staff to ensure safe and appropriate usage of equipment and facilities.

I hereby consent to participation by my child, _____, in softball/baseball batting cage practices which will take place from _____ to _____. I understand that the above mentioned activities will be supervised by trained volunteers who are not members of the MPI Coaching Staff.

My child and I have read and agree to adhere to the attached Softball/Baseball Batting Cage Rules.

PRINT PARENT'S NAME

PARENT'S SIGNATURE

DATE (MM/DD/YY)

PRINT ATHLETE'S NAME

ATHLETE'S SIGNATURE

DATE (MM/DD/YY)