

District 4 Field Ground Rules

Alameda Little League

North Field

The field is fully enclosed by fencing along sidelines, outfield, dugouts and backstop. All areas within the fenced areas are In Play areas except as noted below.

1. A batted ball must go completely over the yellow fence topper on the outfield fence to be considered as leaving the field of play. A batted ball that hits the yellow fence topper and returns directly to the field is in play. A batted ball that goes over the yellow fence topper in fair territory, or hits a Foul Pole above the yellow fence topper in flight is a Home Run.
2. Flags or banners installed on poles mounted to the outside of the fencing are considered to be outside the field of play, regardless of the actual hanging position of the banner or flag. Balls that make contact with such banners or flags are considered to have left the field of play, and the umpires will position runners according to the Playing Rules. Banners or signs mounted to the inside of the fencing are in play.
3. The light pole situated in foul territory in Left Field is in play. Any fair batted ball that hits the pole or settles near the pole is a Live Ball.
4. A batted ball that hits the overhead portion of the backstop is a Foul Ball, and the ball is a Dead Ball. A thrown ball that hits the overhead portion of the backstop is in play and the ball is live.
5. The dugout areas are out of play areas. The limit of the dugout is defined as the edge of the concrete at the open end of the dugout leading to the dirt of the field. All equipment must be fully inside the dugout, and not hanging on the fencing outside the dugout. Adult coaches or manager may not be standing or seated outside the dugout (off the concrete).

Martinez Little League

Hidden Lakes Park

Upper Field

1. The Field is fully enclosed by fencing. Dugout gates and other sideline fences are to be fully closed during play. The gate at the right field corner at the outfield fence is to be closed.
2. A ball that leaves the field of play by going under or through an opening in the fences or gates is considered to have entered a dead ball area. The Dugouts are Dead Ball areas.
3. A batted ball that hits the overhanging backstop is a Foul Ball. A thrown ball that hits the overhanging backstop and returns to the field is a live ball.

Lower Field

1. The Field is fully enclosed by fencing, except for openings at the outfield fence from foul lines to sideline fences. A ball that leaves the field through one of these openings has entered a Dead Ball area.
2. Dugout gates and other sideline fences are to be fully closed during play. A ball that leaves the field of play by going under or through an opening in the fences or gates is considered to have entered a dead ball area. The dugouts are Dead Ball areas.
3. A batted ball that hits the overhanging backstop is a Foul Ball. A thrown ball that hits the overhanging backstop and returns to the field is a live ball.
4. A batted ball that contacts the tree overhanging the field along the Left Field line is dead. A thrown ball that contacts this tree is live, unless it leaves the field after contacting the tree.

Lafayette Little League

Buckeye Field

1. Field is fully enclosed and balls rarely get thrown out of play.
2. On the left field side the limit of the playing field is defined by a virtual extension of the fence along the batting cage extending to the outfield fence. The area beyond that limit is a dead ball area. A batted or thrown ball, or a ball carried into the dead ball area is dead, and bases will be awarded per the rules..
3. A fair batted ball that hits the outfield fence topper in and returns is a live ball. A fair batted ball that hits the fence topper and leaves the field is a dead ball, bases will be awarded based upon the rules.
4. A ball can get through the opening in the gate in right center field. Dead ball and award bases.
5. In right field near fence there is a metal plate where a player has slipped resulting in their foot getting caught under the fence (This has happened one time). Dead ball and award bases.
6. At the intersection of the back stop and the cyclone fence there is a ledge. If the ball comes to rest on that ledge it is a live ball.
7. A batted ball that hits the overhanging backstop is a foul ball. A thrown ball that hits the overhanging portion of the backstop is a live ball.
8. The dugouts are dead ball areas. Dugout gates must be closed at all times when the ball is in play.

North/South Oakland Little Leagues

Chabot Field

1. The dead ball area is defined by a line in the left field area that runs from the outfield end of the fence in front of the third base dugout to the end of the outfield fence. This line is the limit regardless of whether it is physically marked or not. Balls that enter the Dead Ball Area either thrown, batted or carried into by a fielder are dead, and bases will be awarded in accordance with the rules.
2. The dead ball area is defined by a line in the right field area that runs from the outfield end of the fence behind first base (not the fence that forms the front of the dugout) to the angle-point of the fence coming in from the right field corner where the fence ceases to run parallel to the foul line and turns away from the field of play toward the Chabot School playground. This line is the limit regardless of whether it is physically marked or not. Balls that enter the Dead Ball Area either thrown, batted or carried into by a fielder are dead, and bases will be awarded in accordance with the rules.
3. A batted ball that contacts the overhanging trees in both right and left field foul territory is dead. If contacts on a ball the ball is Foul. If a fair bounding ball contacts the tree it is a Fair ball, but dead and will result in a two base award to the batter, with all other runners forced if necessary.

Walnut Creek Little League

Castle Rock Youth Sports Park Baseball Field

The field is fully enclosed by fencing along sidelines, outfield, dugouts and backstop. All areas within the fenced areas are In Play areas except as noted below.

1. The dugout and equipment storage areas are out of play areas. The limit of the dugout is defined as the edge of the concrete at the gate opening leading to the dirt of the field. Gates must be closed at all times while play is underway. All equipment must be fully inside the dugout, and not hanging on the fencing outside the dugout. Adult coaches or manager may not be standing or seated outside the dugout (off the concrete).
2. The dugouts include areas at the ends for equipment storage. Players are not to be in these areas while in the dugouts except to access equipment just prior to coming onto the field to bat or position themselves on defense.

**East County Little League
Laurel Ballfields 90-foot Field**

The field has only a backstop and enclosed dugout area.

1. The limits of the playing field are defined by the extension of the dugout fencing extending down the right and left field sidelines. This limit is in effect regardless of if actually marked with a line or unmarked. The areas beyond the limit lines are Dead Ball areas. Balls that are thrown, batted or carried by a fielder into the Dead Ball areas are dead, and bases will be awarded in accordance with the rules.
2. The dugouts are Dead Ball areas. Balls that enter the dugout by hitting the concrete or interior fence are dead. Bases will be awarded per the rules.
3. A batted ball that hits the overhanging backstop is a foul ball. A thrown ball that hits the overhanging portion of the backstop is a live ball.

**Continental Little League
Ygnacio Valley Elementary Majors Field**

1. The Field is fully enclosed by fencing, except for the opening in the outfield fence in left field. A ball that leaves the field through this opening has entered a Dead Ball area.
2. A ball that leaves the field of play by going under or through an opening in the fences or gates is considered to have entered a dead ball area. The Dugouts are Dead Ball areas. Gates are to be closed.
3. A batted ball that hits the overhanging backstop is a Foul Ball. A thrown ball that hits the overhanging backstop and returns to the field is a live ball.
4. The open areas at the ends of the dugouts are considered to be part of the Dugouts. Players may not be in these open areas while live play is happening. However, adult manager and coaches may position themselves in this area. Gates to the field from the dugouts are to be closed during play, and managers and coaches may not position themselves outside of the dugout unless they are in the Coaches Box.
5. On the right field line, outside the side line is a large storage shed which abuts the sideline fence. This shed is beyond the field of ball and in a Dead Ball area. A ball that contacts this shed is dead, and bases will be awarded per the rules.