

Plover-Whiting Youth Athletics

LITTLE PLOVER RIVER BATTING FACILITY PROCEDURES

- No players are ever allowed inside the building – no exceptions.
- All players must wear a batting helmet while batting and retrieving balls before and after an at-bat.
- Coaches who have gone through the current year orientation are the only people to use pitching machines – never to be used by players.
- Remember to check the machine before each use – a specific chute is used for either baseball or softball (per orientation) – make sure that is the one installed.
- If any equipment fails **DO NOT** attempt to fix yourself. Contact your league coordinator.
- Head coaches will be given a key to use the facility – coaches are **NOT** to give their key or a copy to anyone else-this is an extreme liability issue and your privileges, along with your teams will be removed if caught.
- Pitching machines **should not** be used after a rain, as the baseballs become inconsistent in their flight and could cause injury.
- Current batters **with helmets** are the only people allowed in the batting cages-do not allow players to take off helmets while in the cages.
- All on-deck batters **MUST** stay outside the fencing while waiting to bat – they may enter, **with a helmet** to pick up balls prior to their at bat – helmets must stay on.
- No spikes of any kind are allowed in the batting cages-must be tennis shoes.
- Coaches are to use and stay behind the safety netting while using equipment-it is for your protection.
- Any balls that escape from the facility should be retrieved immediately - no practice is allowed with yellow dimpled balls - these are for the pitching machines only. These balls are very expensive and we have had to spend over 700 in the last 2 years to replace “missing balls” - please keep them inside the facility for everyone’s use.
- **Because of the potential liability issue involved with the use of this facility, all coaches and players must abide by the procedures to prevent accidents and potential lawsuits. Anyone unable to follow procedures will have their ability to use the facility curtailed.**