

## **PATRIOT PARK SOFTBALL INDOOR BATTING CAGE APPROVED USER INSTRUCTIONS**

**As an approved user of the indoor batting cages at Patriot Park you should become familiar with the following:**

### Cage Rules:

- At least one approved coach (age 21 or older) is required to be present.
- Only adults may operate pitching machines if utilized.
- Always wear a helmet when using the batting cage.
- Batters must stand on the mats supplied.
- Shoes are required. No cleats (metal / plastic) or hard-soled shoes are allowed on the turf.
- Only one batter in a cage at a time. Spectators must remain outside and back from the net.
- Pitchers should throw from behind the screens provided for protection.
- Bats may only be swung inside the cage.
- Food, drinks, sunflower seeds, gum, chewing tobacco and smoking are not allowed.
- This batting cage facility is intended for instruction and skill development. No other type of use will be allowed.
- Please leave the facility cleaner than you found it. Throw away all trash in receptacles and take your belongings with you.

### Cage Entrance & Exit Procedures:

- Use the main entrance and use your assigned access code to enter the lobby.
- Have your team gather in the lobby until the previous user is done.
- Use universal access code to enter the actual softball cage as a team.
- Use the balls and pitching machines supplied in the storage room.
- Remind your team of the cage rules.
- Make sure you exit the cage no later than your allotted time so the next team can enter.
- Do not adjust the thermostat.
- If there is not another team scheduled after yours, make sure wait you turn off the lights and put equipment back in the storage room.
- Please check the restroom prior to leaving.

### Supervisor/Coach Guidelines:

- The care, upkeep, and safety of the batting cage building are important. As an approved user it is vital that the Cage Rules and Cage Entrance & Exit Procedures are followed. The building is equipped with cameras to monitor use. Failure to follow the rules and procedures will result in a suspension of use for you and your team.
- Do not give your access code to other people.
- Only one team at a time is allowed during a time slot.
- Baseball teams should not use the softball cages and softball teams should not use the baseball cages unless prior approval is received.

### Questions or Issues:

- If you have facility-related issues please call Bob Butler, Patriot Park Head Groundskeeper, at 440-2387, or Alex Zabel, Patriot Park Facility Worker, at 402-802-5938.
- For other questions, you may call Robyn Bowman, KPR Office Manager, at 233-3701, or the Park & Recreation Office at 237-4644, Monday-Friday, 8am-5pm.