

## **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 and pitchers must stand on the mats supplied.
- Make sure sand bag weights are position at the base of the nets to prevent hit or thrown balls from hitting the walls.
- 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 unless soft tossing on each end. 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:

- **(NEW)** Coach should use his/her assigned, key FOB to enter the lobby from the outside. Once the season is over, the FOB will be deactivated and needs to be turned in if you will no longer be coaching. There will be a \$5 replacement fee if key fob is lost. Key FOB's can be deactivated if lost or stolen.
- If you are done coaching for future seasons, FOB should be turned in with city issued keys.
- Have your team gather in the lobby until the previous user is done. Players that arrive late can utilize the doorbell.
- Do not prop the outside doors open.
- **Use 8921\* access code to enter the actual softball cage as a team.**
- 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, turn off the lights and put equipment back in the storage room.
- Please check the restroom for cleanliness 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 FOB TO OTHER PEOPLE, PLAYERS OR PARENTS.**
- 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.
- Teams are only allowed to use the cages during their scheduled use times set by their associations.

### Weather:

- When possible, KPR staff will contact Association Representative if inclement weather occurs and batting cages are closed.

### Questions or Issues:

- Coaches should always work through their Association Representative. If you have facility-related issues please contact your Association Representative and they will contact the City of Kearney Park and Recreation Department.
- For urgent issues, you may call Melissa Haupt, KPR- Park Office Manager, at 251-3139 (Monday-Thursday, 8:00am-5:00pm, and Friday, 8:00am-Noon). Or by using [fieldrequests@kearneygov.org](mailto:fieldrequests@kearneygov.org)