

## Skokie Sports Park

### Batting Cages Guidelines & Restrictions (as of 5/22/21)

As the State of Illinois continues its Restore Illinois Plan, adventure parks throughout State will open. It will not be business as usual – strict guidelines will be in place for the protection of customers and staff. We expect those who use Sports Park to follow all of the guidelines and expectations. Disregarding these may result in removal of players or force the closure of the park. We ask all of you to be respectful of others and follow the procedures listed below.

### Do not use the batting cages if you have any symptoms of COVID-19 or someone in your household has symptoms of COVID-19

- According to the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC), the symptoms are fever, cough and shortness of breath. These symptoms may appear 2–14 days after exposure to the virus. The illness can be mild, but in more severe cases, infection can cause severe respiratory issues, pneumonia, kidney failure and even death.
- Additional symptoms may include:
  - Fever
  - Chills
  - Repeated shaking with chills
  - Muscle pain
  - Headache
  - Sore throat
  - New loss of taste or smell

### Player Restrictions & Expectations

Following mandated State of Illinois COVID-19 restrictions, **ALL** batting cage users must expect the following guidelines and restrictions prior to and upon arrival:

- For fully vaccinated individuals, facial masks and socially distancing are not required.
- If you have **NOT been vaccinated**, facial covering and social distancing are still required. Facial coverings will not be necessary while practicing at the cages as long as social distancing is maintained.
- You **MUST BRING YOUR OWN BATS AND HELMETS** to use the batting cages – no rentals available.
- Helmets **MUST BE WORN AT ALL TIMES**.
- **DO NOT STEP OVER THE RED WARNING LINE OR WALK INTO THE PITCHING MACHINE AREA.**
- The clubhouse lobby remains closed for daily transactions. These transaction are accepted at the sales window. Party reservations are accepted in the clubhouse. A staff member will invite you into the clubhouse to complete your reservation.
- Purchases using a credit card are highly recommended.
- Purchase tokens at the sales window. However, there may be a purchase limit to minimize waiting times for all users.
- Refrain from high fives and handshakes.
- Do not touch any balls in the cage area.
- Minimize touching the token acceptors as much as possible.
- Avoid touching all netting, fencing, gates, doors and signs while at the cages.
- Do not sit on the benches.
- **CALL AN ATTENDANT FOR ASSISTANCE – DO NOT ATTEMPT TO REPAIR ANY EQUIPMENT OR RETRIEVE ANY BALLS BEHIND THE BACKSTOPS.**
- No vending available at this time.
- Bring your own hand sanitizer to use when at the batting cages.
- Only the restrooms on the west side of the building will be open.
- Waiting times can be as high 30 minutes or more.
- No spectators.
- If you have to wait in line to use a cage, please wait in the designated areas.
- Follow all posted signs and observe all park rules.
- Wash your hands thoroughly as soon as you can after leaving the batting cages – we recommend bringing your own hand sanitizer and using it at least prior, during and after your practice session.
- Avoid congregating before or after your practice session – maintain social distancing at all times.
- Do not congregate in the parking lot.
- Outside snacks and beverages (water and sports drinks) are allowed.
- **ALL ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGES AND ILLEGAL SUBSTANCES ARE NOT PERMITTED.**