



2022 Outdoor Softball Ground Rules

Diamond 1.

The following ground rules apply for all games played on Diamond 1 (the pitch with the purpose-built fence):

- a. The dead ball lines: The dead ball lines are to be extended from the end of the fence to run parallel with the foul ball line. The cycle track is not part of the official playing field and is considered dead ball territory.

Batted balls, landing fair and then crossing foul ball territory before going dead will be a traditional stand up double base award. However, a batted ball hit down the right-field line, staying within fair territory and eventually crossing the cycle track will be called dead the moment it reaches the track and the umpire will award one extra base to the batter-runner based upon the last base past at the time dead ball is called.

- b. Thrown Ball Hitting the Fence: A thrown ball fitting the fence will remain live and in play. However, a batted-ball hitting the fence will be a dead-ball. No batter will be given out for a ball caught off the fence.
- c. Spectator/Cricketer Interference: If a batted or thrown ball is interfered with by somebody outside of the game the umpire will call dead-ball and award the batter-runner and runners the base they believed they could have reached had there been no interference. This is left to the judgement of the umpire.



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Diamond 2.

The following ground rules apply for all games played on Diamond 2 (the secondary pitch):

- a. Cycle Track: The cycle track does not form part of fair territory. Any ball passing over or reaching the cycle track will be called dead by the umpire. Fly balls can be caught by outfielders providing neither foot are fully touching the cycle track before the catch.

- b. Right of Pylon: A ground ball or fly ball that reaches or lands on the cycle track will be called dead and a standard ground ball double will be ruled.

If a batted ball clears the cycle track completely or fly's into the trees the ball will be called dead and the batter will be awarded Third Base.

NO homeruns will be awarded for balls hit to the right of the Pylon

- c. Left of Pylon: A ground ball or fly ball that reaches or lands on the cycle track will be called dead and a triple will be awarded to the batter.

If a batted ball clears the cycle track completely or fly's into the trees the ball will be called dead and the batter will be awarded a home run.

- d. Trapped Balls: A batted ball hit down left field that first lands in fair territory and is then trapped under foreign objects will be called dead and a standard ground rule double will be awarded.

EXCEPTION: A fair batted ball that is trapped by the furthest away structure in left-field foul ball territory will be awarded Third base.