

Minuteman Class 2018 Ground Rules

William E. Smith Fields - 250 Western Ave., Boston, MA 02134

Field #1 (next to the Harvard softball field along the 3rd base line)

- On each side, an imaginary line from the fence in front of each bench area to the light pole shall be used for catches and overthrows, with the pole being dead. No plays may be made against a fence in dead ball territory.
- On each side past the first light pole, any fly ball may be caught for an out, but the imaginary line remains for overthrows. On the left field side the gravel path is out of play; no ball may be caught for an out on the path.
- In the outfield, the gravel path is out of play. Any hit ball landing on the gravel path will be considered dead and a triple will be awarded.

Field #2 (adjacent to the Harvard University parking lot)

- On each side, an imaginary line from the fence in front of each bench area to the first light pole shall be used for catches and overthrows, with the pole being dead.
- On the first base side, the out-of-play line runs from light pole and follows the contour of the gravel path for both catches and overthrows. No plays may be made on the path, which is out-of-play territory. Any hit ball in fair territory landing on the gravel path will be considered dead and a ground rule double will be awarded.
- On the third base side, the out of play line runs from light pole to light pole for overthrows and catches. No plays may be made against the fence in dead ball territory. In the outfield, any hit ball going under the fence will be called dead and a triple will be awarded.

Portsmouth Murray Field - 41 Portsmouth St., Boston, MA 02135

Any ball hit over the fence on the fly will be a home run. Any ball on a bounce that goes over or under the fence around the field shall be a ground rule double. On each side, extend an imaginary line along the fence in front of each bench for overthrows. Beyond that fence, any ball may be caught for an out NOT on or over the tarred path.

Back Bay Fens - Across from 125 Park Drive, Boston, MA 02215

Cobe (near the basketball courts)

- On each side, extend an imaginary line along the fence in front of each bench area for overthrows.

- On the first base side, any fly ball past the fence may be caught for an out up to but not onto the track.
- On the third base side, any fly ball past the fence may be caught for an out anywhere as long as it does not go onto the track.
- Any ball hit over the grassy berm **on the fly** will be called an out and will end the half-inning. Any hit ball, which rolls or bounces over the grassy berm and out of the umpire's sight, shall be a ground rule double. The track area past the outfield in fair territory is considered part of the playing field.
- A ball striking a pedestrian or any object is considered in play as long as the pedestrian does not interfere and aid the defense fielding the ball. Once the ball is interfered with and touched it will be considered a dead ball and runners will be awarded bases that in the umpire's judgment they would have reached had the interference not have occurred.

Clemente (across the street from the church)

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- On the third base side, any fly ball past the fence may be caught for an out anywhere as long as it does not go onto the track. Any ball hit over the grassy berm **on the fly** will be called an out and will end the half-inning. Any hit ball, which rolls or bounces over the grassy berm and out of the umpire's sight, shall be a ground rule double. The track area past the outfield in fair territory is considered part of the playing field.
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Boston Common Field - 107 Boylston St., Boston, MA 02116

Any ball hit over the fence on the fly starting from the left side of the second light pole in right center to the left field line will be a home run. Any ball on the fly that hits the second light pole in right center will be a home run. Any ball on the fly hit over the fence from the right side of the second light pole in right center to the right field line will be a ground rule double. Any ball on a bounce that goes over the fence in any part of the field between the right and left field line shall be a ground rule double. On each side, extend an imaginary line along the fence in front of each bench for overthrows. Beyond that fence, any ball may be caught for an out NOT on or over the tarred path.