



## Minuteman Classic 2019 Ground Rules

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

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

- On each side, an imaginary line extending from the fence in front of each bench area to the light pole shall be used for catches and overthrows, with the light pole being dead. No plays may be made against a fence in dead ball territory.
- On each side past the light pole, any fly ball may be caught for an out, but the imaginary line remains for overthrows.
- On the left field side the path is out of play. No ball may be caught for an out on the path.
- **In the outfield, any hit ball going under the fence will be called dead and bases awarded at the discretion of the umpire.**

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

- On each side, an imaginary line extending 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 path for both catches and overthrows. **The path is out-of-play territory, no ball may be caught for an out on it. Any hit ball in fair territory landing on the 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 construction fence will be called dead and bases awarded at the discretion of the umpire.**

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

- Any ball hit over the fence on the fly will be a home run. Any hit ball that goes over or under the fence or into or under the trees in the outfield shall be **called dead and bases awarded at the discretion of the umpire.**
- On each side, an imaginary line extending from the fence in front of each bench shall be used for overthrows. Beyond the fence in front of each bench, any ball may be caught for an out but NOT on or over the tarred path.

- The tarred path is in play in the outfield.

**Rotch Field** - 30 Randolph Street, South End, off Albany Street

Park Rules: no spikes are allowed. The following are strictly forbidden beyond the gate:

- food of any type
- beverages other than water
- chewing gum
- all tobacco products

**Hynes Field, Boston, MA 02132** - off VFW Parkway, entrance on Courtney Road

- On each side, an imaginary line from the end of the fence in front of each bench shall be used for overthrows.
- For catches, on the left field side the path is out of play; on the right field side the hill is out of play. Further rules may depend on the presence of spectators and will be covered during the pre-game meeting with the Umpire.

**West Roxbury High School Field** - 1205 VFW Pkwy, Boston, MA 02132

- Ground rules will be covered in your pre-game conference with the Umpire.