



Kerrisdale Little League ('KLL')
Batting Cage @ Elm Park
COVID-19 Protocols (version 1.5 June 7th)

Access to KLL's Batting Cage @ Elm Park will be granted to KLL Majors Teams starting May 1st, 2021 provided they comply with the following protocols. Guidance regarding these protocols came from the BC Provincial Health Office, viaSport, Baseball BC and KLL's RTP document.

General Protocols:

- Due to COVID-19 restrictions, KLL Majors teams may have use of KLL's Elm Park batting cage during their regularly scheduled team practices or based on the reservation system. KLL will not be permitting personal access to the batting cage outside these times until further notice.
- Signage advising and educating on COVID-19 wellness, hygiene, and social/physical distancing measures will be posted at KLL's Batting Cage @ Elm Park.
- KLL will mount a maximum capacity sign inside the batting cage.
- No spectators will be allowed.
- A buffer zone will be set up outside the batting cage to discourage players from observing their teammates at an unsafe distance.
- Upon arrival at Elm Park, and as part of the usual team practice protocols, a TSM or Coach will review symptom pre-screening responses with each participant and will record participant attendance using ePACT (or on a paper form).
- Every KLL batting cage participant must honor KLL's safety protocols.

Key Protocols:

- Each team will have **one designated coach** per session in the batting cage.
- Batting cage balls and an extension cord (for the pitching machine) should be brought from the equipment shed and disinfected at the batting cage before team use.
- Batting cage balls, batting cage equipment and previously identified hot spots must be sanitized before use (allocate 10 minutes to complete the sanitization process). A special sanitation bin will be available inside the batting cage. Please do not use the round tray or pressure sprayer normally found at the field or TSM station.
- All players must bring their own bat and helmet (and batting gloves if desired) and these items should not be shared with anyone.
- Players will be instructed to head to the batting cage and depart it at staggered times throughout their team's practice and this will be at the coaches' discretion.
- During the team's scheduled batting cage session, players will be instructed to arrive and depart at specific and staggered times. Team managers or coaches will notify participants.
- If the batting cage is booked through the reservation system, stagger player arrival times to no more than 3-4 players per half hour time slot at the batting cage. Participant arrival will occur from the East side of Elm Park and Exit the area on the West side of the park. (See Figure 1 below)
- All participants must sanitize their hands (or batting gloves) before entering the batting cage and at the end of their session.

- A maximum of 2 people allowed inside the batting cage at all times.
- No player shall enter the batting cage unless a team coach is present.
- “Storage Area” is closed to players. Coaches and KLL Equipment Coordinator only.
- At the last scheduled session of the day, the coach should unplug the pitching machine and cover it. Please remove the extension cord and bring both the cord and ball bucket (with balls) to the equipment shed for secure storage.
- Please lock the batting cage after the team session is over to ensure authorized access only.

Masks:

- All players & coaches will be required to have a mask in the batting cage and these should be worn at all other times when physical distancing cannot be assured.

Cleaning and Disinfecting Protocols:

- KLL will provide necessary supplies to keep applicable areas and equipment clean.
- A **Sanitation Bin** will be stored in the batting cage’s secured entrance area. It will contain: KLL Paper COVID-19 Symptom screening and attendance forms, Microban (disinfectant spray), disinfectant wipes, PowAir (hand sanitizer), garbage bags and extra masks.
- A TSM or Coach will ensure that batting cage balls, pitching machine, and previously identified high touch spots will be sanitized prior to use. Any other equipment used outside the batting cage area must be sanitized as well.
- After each batter has completed their turn, they must sanitize their hands (or batting gloves) using PowAir and then pick up balls used during their batting practice.
- For players without a baseball bat, a disinfected bat will be loaned to them by their team coach for the duration of the batting cage session.
- **Equipment Considerations INSIDE Batting Cage:**
 - **BATTING CAGE BALLS** - Special Care required - DO NOT PLACE DIRTY OR WET BALLS IN THE PITCHING MACHINE! These balls must be disinfected with **Microban** aerosol spray. Place balls in the round tray found in the batting cage, spray balls, agitate them and then spray again. Please allow the balls to dry completely for 3-5 minutes. Don’t forget to spray the ball bucket handle! Keep the batting cage ball tray in the batting cage for batting cage balls only as the pitching machine will not work if balls are dirty.
 - **Pitching Machine** - Please use **DISINFECTANT WIPES (not Microban spray!!)** to carefully sanitize the knobs, high touch points and the extension cord at the beginning of the team’s session.
 - **Netting** - Use **Microban or PowAir** to disinfect high touch spots at the beginning and end of the team session. High touch spots will be identified by carabiner with a colourful piece of tape.
 - **Batting Cage Door Handle and lock** - Use **Microban** to disinfect after unlocking and opening the batting cage.
- **Other equipment used OUTSIDE Batting Cage:**
 - **Tees** - If required, TSM (or Coach) will need to disinfect them prior to use. Balls used at tee station, should be sanitized before usage with the ball tray from the equipment box (not the batting cage ball tray). After each player is finished, they should sanitize their hands before picking up balls and returning to the bucket and sanitize after before proceeding with the next player.
 - **Bownet** - If required, TSM (or Coach) will need to disinfect it prior to use.

- Team Balls - If required, TSM (or Coach) will need to disinfect them prior to use.
- All hitting stations should be spaced at least 3m apart.

Monitor Batting Cage Use:

KLL Officials will monitor batting cage use to ensure batting cage protocols are being followed and there is no unauthorized use of the facility. Failure to comply with the above protocols may result in access privileges to the batting cage being revoked.

