

## **Guidelines for public use of indoor district facilities for softball/baseball**

These guidelines are to help people understand how to use Dallas School District property and to help manage practice times without causing damage to the facilities. Thank you for your participation and support with youth sports in Dallas and enjoy your time using the facilities.

Coaches and Organizations are responsible for their use of school facilities. If damage does occur it must be reported so it can be repaired. Depending on the damage, there may be costs associated with repairing the damage to pre-damage quality. Organizations wishing to use school facilities shall supply the school district with an insurance policy in the amount determined by the school district naming them as additionally insured. Use of the high school is highly restricted due to DHS athletic activities.

- All school facilities will be reserved with the district and approved using the school community use calendar at <https://www.dallas.k12.or.us/community-use-of-school-facilities>.
- Outside play sheds may be used for team practices with coach supervision only. Any style of ball may be used. Teams using outside play shed for evening practices can utilize lights in that facility, ask custodians for assistance. The play shed at WW must be reserved. The covered play area at Lyle is first come, first served.
- Only “softy” style balls, similar to Mojo Balls or The Anywhere Ball, plastic whiffle balls, tennis balls or sand filled rubber balls may be used inside any school gym excepted as noted under exceptions.
- Only indoor rubber sole style gym shoes can be used. No cleats of any kind allowed inside school or gym.
- No throwing of any ball against walls, padded areas, or backboards at any time.
- Only coaches are allowed to hit for infield drills and only with the approved style of ball. No pop fly balls may be hit of any kind due to possible damage to sprinkler system, scoreboards, lights, Wi-Fi system and projectors.
- Pitchers and catchers must use appropriate equipment and the catcher must use a mat of some sort to protect the floor from scratches. The floor side of the mat must be of a soft material. Standard balls can be used in this situation. Pitches may not be thrown against the wall. No taping of strike zones on any surface.
- A pop-up style backstop must be used in areas where no backstop exists.
- Pop-up style nets may be used only if the feet are padded or placed on a padded mat.
- Hallways are off limits to practices of any kind. Hallways may be used for stretching but a clear path must be made for people walking by.
- Exceptions to standard ball rule:
  - Standard game balls are allowed in the DHS upstairs batting cage.
  - Compression balls (regulation size and weight balls that are softer than regular balls or “compress”) are permitted for use in the upstairs gym at LaCreole unless otherwise stipulated in above rules.
  - Compression style balls may be hit into appropriate netted backstop only in the upstairs gym at LaCreole.