



Ground Rules for the Main Field at the American International School for Young Cadet and Cadet League play

AISWGR01.04

- (a) The field is located at the northeast corner of the West Sports Complex.
- (b) The field is a very large rectangular grass multi-sports facility that has a brick walkway around the edges. The walkway passes behind the catcher between his position and the backstop.
- (c) The backstop is not considered an “ineffective” backstop for the purpose of IAB Rule 13.07.05.
- (d) The soccer goal posts are removable so they do not present an on-field obstacle.
- (e) The bases and the pitcher’s plate are to be placed at the distances specified in IAB Rule 13.01.04 (a) and IAB Rule 13.01.07 (a) for Cadet League play, and IAB Rule 13.01.04 (b) and IAB Rule 13.01.07 (b) for Young Cadet League play.
- (f) A three feet radius circle is marked around each pitching plate so they do not intersect.
- (g) The home plate is placed 25 feet from the center pole of the backstop.
- (h) To protect players from injury, each team’s bench is located completely behind each of the two sides of the backstop.

AISWGR.01.11 To protect themselves from injury, catchers are strongly urged not to wear metal cleats. They should wear rubber or plastic cleats to protect themselves from slipping because the brick walkway between the catcher and the backstop is an “in play” area.

AISWGR02.00

- (a) Beyond the ends of the backstop, the walkway is the end of foul territory and delineates the “out of play” area.
- (b) The walkway is “out of play” except where it is in front of the backstop and until the end of the backstop on both sides (dead ball territory).

AISWGR06.09

- (a) Except as specified in Ground Rule AISGR06.09 (b), all fair batted balls are live and playable.
- (b) If a fair batted ball goes onto the walkway in fair territory:
 - (1) In flight, it is a home run.
 - (2) On the bound, the batter and runners are awarded two bases.

AISWGR07.04

- (a) One base is awarded to all base runners when a batted ball is caught in live ball territory and subsequently carried into dead ball territory by the fielder.

(b) One base is awarded to the batter/runner and all base runners, if a fair ground ball or a thrown ball is gloved by a fielder in live ball territory and subsequently carried by the fielder into dead ball territory.

Ground Rule AISGR07.04 (a) and (b) Comment: The award of bases will be adjudged from the time the ball was carried into dead ball territory.

AISWGR08.05

IAB Rule 13.08.05 (b) is amended for this field as follows:

(b) A balk shall be called in all Young Cadet and Cadet League play if, while not in possession of the ball, the pitcher stands with one or both feet within a 3 feet radius of the pitcher's plate during a hidden-ball-play attempt. The hidden-ball-play is a play in which the runner is deceived about the location of the ball in an effort to tag him out. As specified in Ground Rule AISGR01.04 (f), the field is so marked.