



## **Ground Rules for the Baptist Village Baseball Field**

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### **These are the ground rules for the Baptist Village Baseball Field**

1. The field has gates in the fence. There may also be one or more holes in the fence. Should a batted ball roll under a gate or through a hole in the fence and out of play, the fielder shall raise his hands to signal to the umpire that the ball has gone out of play. The umpire, upon confirming that the ball has gone out of play will call the ball dead and award the batter two bases. Runners will be awarded two bases according to the Official Baseball Rules, Rule 5.06 (b) (4) (F)

If a thrown ball goes under a gate and out of play, the ball will be dead and the umpire will award two bases according to the Official Baseball Rules, Rule 5.06 (b) (4) (G).

2. All parts of the outfield fencing are "in play" including the high "backstop" fencing in the right and left field corners of the outfield as well as any metal supports for the backstops. Should a ball hit one of the support beams and rebound back into the field, the ball will be live and in play. To hit a home run under the Official Baseball Rules, Rule 5.05 (a) (5), the ball must go over the fence regardless of its height in a specific section or whether the fence has attached support beams. If the ball goes over the top of the fence in flight without hitting one of the support beams it will be a home run even if it went under one of the support beams.

The judgment of the umpire will be final.

3. There is a tree in right-center field (behind the fence) that is partly over fair territory. If a batted ball hits any part of the tree on a fly, it will be a dead ball and the batter and all runners will be awarded home base according to Official baseball Rule 5.06 (b) (4) (A). If a batted ball hits any part of the tree on a bounce it will be a dead ball and the batter and all runners will be awarded two bases according to Official Baseball Rule 506 (b) (4) (F).

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4. There is a tree in foul territory (beyond the fence) in left field that slightly overhangs into fair territory. Should a batted fly ball hit part of the tree in foul territory it will be a dead ball and a foul.

If a batted fly ball hits any part of the tree in fair territory it will be a dead ball and the batter and all runners will be awarded home base according to Official baseball Rule 5.06 (b) (4) (A). If a batted ball hits any part of the tree in fair territory on a bounce it will be a dead ball and the batter and all runners will be awarded two bases according to Official Baseball Rule 506 (b) (4) (F).

5. All areas surrounding the playing field at Baptist Village are considered "spectator areas" under Rule 5.06(b) (3) (C). Consequently, if a fielder catches and then carries a batted or thrown ball into this dead ball area including an area outside a gate that has been left open, the ball will be dead and all runners will advance one base.

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