



**Ground Rules at Sportek Field in Tel Aviv**  
**for the Premier, Junior, Cadet and Juvenile League**

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STAGR01.08

The Tel Aviv Club is responsible for ensuring in Juvenile League games that the location of the on-deck position will not expose the on-deck batter to possible injury.

STAGR02.01

- (a) Unless the Premier League or the Tel Aviv Club marks the right side of the field with cones, there will be an imaginary line which is the out-of-play line for the right side of the field. The imaginary line shall extend from the fence in front of the dugout and will be parallel to the foul line.
- (b) There are power lines that go over the outfield. If a batted ball hits a power line over the field which is not in foul territory, it will be live and in play and may be caught for an out.
- (c) The Premier League Commissioner/Coordinator will issue instructions and coordinate who is responsible for preparing the field for Premier League games. Two cones will be used to mark the foul lines on both sides of the playing field. On the right side, two additional cones will mark the out-of-play lines. The Premier League may also mark the outfield fence with cones. If the Premier League marks the outfield with cones, Ground Rule STAGR02.01 (e) and STAGR06.01 (c) apply.
- (d) The Tel Aviv Club will issue instructions and coordinate who is responsible for preparing the field for Junior, Cadet, and Juvenile League games. Two cones may be used to mark the foul lines on both sides of the playing field. On the right side, two additional cones will mark the out-of-play lines. The Tel Aviv Club may also mark the outfield fence with cones. If the Tel Aviv Club marks the outfield with cones, Ground Rule STAGR02.01 (e) and STAGR06.01 (c) apply.
- (e) If cones are placed to mark the outfield fence, the cones shall, if possible, be no closer to the rear tip of home plate than 250 feet (i.e., 76.2 meters) for Junior and Cadet League play. If the distance to any section of the cone line is less than 250 feet, the batter and all runners will be awarded two bases on a batted ball that passes over that section of the cone line in flight or bounds through the cone line. If cones are placed to mark the outfield fence for Juvenile League play, the cones shall, if possible, be no closer to the rear tip of home plate than 165 feet (i.e., 50.3 meters).
- (f) The bases and the pitcher's plate are to be placed at the distances specified in Official Rule 2.01 for Premier League play, in IAB Rule 13.02.01 (a) and IAB Rule 13.02.04 (a) for Junior League

play, and IAB Rule 13.02.01 (b) and IAB Rule 13.02.05 (b) for Cadet League play, and IAB Rule 12.01.04 and IAB Rule 12.01.07 for Juvenile League play.

#### STAGR04.11

Due to the proximity of the dugouts to home plate, a defensive coach will remain in the dugout unless they request time and it is granted by the umpire. (This rescinds the Junior and Cadet League privilege under Rule 13.04.11, Defensive Coach (Rule 12.01.23 for the Juvenile League), for a defensive coach to be on the field next to the dugout.)

#### STAGR05.06

Under Junior and Cadet League Rule 13.05.06 (f) and Juvenile League Rule 12.07.05, each League Commissioner will determine if a playing field has an “ineffective” backstop. If one or more League Commissioners determines that Sportek Tel Aviv has an “ineffective” backstop, the provisions of Rule 13.05.06 (f) and/or Juvenile League Rule 12.07.05 will apply. The Premier League Commissioner may also determine that Sportek Tel Aviv has an “ineffective” backstop, in which case he will announce the provisions that will apply.

#### STAGR05.12

- (a) Any live batted or thrown ball caught and carried over the “out-of-play line” (see Rule STA02.01) will be dead and one base awarded to the runners from the last occupied base when the ball was carried out.
- (b) Any batted ball that bounds past or any thrown ball that passes the out-of-play line (see Rule STA02.01) shall be a dead ball and bases will be awarded under Official Rule 5.06 (b).

#### STAGR06.01

If any people or group enters the playing field who are not participating in the game and interferes with play, these people or groups will be considered “spectators” under Official Rule 6.01 (e), Spectator Interference, for Premier, Junior and Cadet League play. For the Juvenile League, they will be considered “spectators” under Little League Playing Rule 3.16.

#### STAGR06.09

- (a) A home run will be awarded under Official Rule 5.06 (b) (4) (A) or Little League Playing Rule 7.05 (a), if a batted ball is hit over the existing outfield fence in left field. There is gap in this left field fence (between two sections of the fence). In that section, if the ball passes the fence on a fly (regardless of the height of the ball) the umpire will also declare such a batted ball to be a home run. However, only two bases will be awarded under Official Rule 5.06 (b) (4) (F) or Little League Playing Rule 7.05 (f), if a bounding batted ball goes through this gap.
- (b) (1) A batted ball will be live and in play except, in the case of a batted ball entering any of the dead ball areas specified in Ground Rule STAR06.06 (b) (2). A batted ball passing an outfielder and going into these dead ball areas in flight will be a home run. If it passes the outfielder on the ground, the batter and all runners will be awarded three bases.
- (2) A batted ball will be dead if it:
  - (i) enters a street,
  - (ii) enters a parking lot,
  - (iii) enters the few trees,
  - (iv) enters any shed or construction, or
  - (v) goes under or over the park fence or an old dugout which are beyond the end of the existing left field fence.

- (c) If the Tel Aviv Club or the Premier League marks the outfield fence with cones, each of the following applies:
- (1) The entire cone is within the field.
  - (2) A fair fly hit over the cone line will be a home run whether or not the ball is caught.
  - (3) If a batted ball bounds over the cone line, it will be two bases will be awarded from the last occupied base from when the ball was pitched.
  - (4) If a batted fly ball is caught within the playing field and carried over the cone line by the outfielder, the ball will remain alive and in play. (The outfielder may throw from beyond the cones.)
  - (5) The ball remains alive and in play on a bounding batted ball that is gloved by an outfielder before the cones and his momentum carries him past the outfield cones. (The outfielder may throw from beyond the cones.)