



RCBA Blundell Cage Bookings

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All users of the batting cage understand they use this facility at their own risk. Richmond City Baseball is not liable for any personal injury or equipment damage sustained in or around the batting cage area.

To see the current cage bookings and what is available, login to the RCBA website at richmondcitybaseball.ca, then go to Calendars > Blundell Cage.

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Booking the cage

The cage is booked for general use by coaches for RCBA members. The cage is not to be booked as a back-up for inclement weather, so please do not book the cage on the same day or time as your regular practice or game time. Doing this limits the number of users that can use the cage, as it will sit empty.

When booking the Blundell cage, please send an email to richmondcagebookings@gmail.com and provide the following:

- Requestors name
- Coaches name (if different from requestor)
- Age group/team (i.e. 11U or 11U AA)
- If you need one or both lanes of the cage
- Date and time requested (start and end). Batting cage hours are 8:30am to 10pm daily.
- A code will be provided to gain access to the cage. **DO NOT GIVE ANYONE YOUR CODE.** The code you have is yours and yours alone. The Cage lock provides logs of who has entered and used the cage. If your code is used to open the cage, you are responsible for any damage or mess left. If you forgot or need to change your code, please contact Sean at richmondcagebookings@gmail.com or by text at 778-229-6504.
 - To enter your code:
 - **Press any key on the lock to activate it**
 - **Enter your code**
 - **Press the 'unlock' button on the bottom right of the key pad**
 - **If you enter your code incorrectly 5 times, the lock will sound and you'll have to wait 5 minutes to try again.**
 - **Ensure you turn off the lights and lock the cage again when you leave.**
- Only users who have booked the cage through the RCBA Cage Scheduler are to use the cage during their booked time. An individual who has booked the cage and been assigned a code is responsible for any damage that may occur during their booked time and is responsible for any clean up required.

General Rules

Groups or individuals not following these cage rules may lose their cage privileges. Coaches are responsible for all players and all activity inside the cage.

Please adhere to the following rules when using the Blundell Cage

- All RCBA participants 18 and younger using the cage must be registered for the current RCBA year. Players that registered and paid their fees in full during this period are insured for cage use.
- **Players must be dropped off and/or all vehicles must be parked at Blundell School – any vehicles parked at or near the cage will be subject to fines by City by-law officers. This could also result in loss of cage privileges. ALL COACHES AND PARENTS MUST ADHERE TO THIS RULE.**
- Only users who have booked the cage through the RCBA Cage Scheduler are to use the cage during their booked time. An individual who has been assigned a code is responsible for any damage that may occur during their booked time and is responsible for any clean up required.
- Teams must adhere to their schedule - please ensure all equipment is put away and start cleaning up 10 minutes before the end of your session and ensure you are out before the next group starts.
- **No food of any kind in the cage. This includes sunflower seeds and gum.**
- **No beverages except water.**
- **NO SPITTING.**
- Turn off the lights and double check that **ALL** doors are locked before leaving.
- **Please report any damage or deficiencies immediately to richmondcagebookings@gmail.com or by text to Sean at 778-229-6504.**
- Bookings during peak times (Feb through July) will be limited to 1.5 hour sessions on weekdays and 2 hours on weekends to allow for maximum usage for all users. If there is no one in after your time ends, you can stay longer. Booking during off-peak times (Aug through Jan) can be extended to 3 hours depending on demand.

Equipment

- Ensure all equipment is used only for its intended purpose.
- Always hit off the tees into provided nets, not into the exterior cage netting.
- Do not hit the tees. This results in damage to tee tops.
- Always hit and pitch off the matts and/or pitching mounds to help preserve the turf.
- Only clean running or turf shoes, **NO CLEATS** allowed. If players are moving from the field to the cage, a change of footwear is required.
- All players must wear a helmet and cup when batting, even if hitting off tees.
- Only adults (19+) are permitted to operate pitching machines and must review the safety and operating instructions before use. **THE LARGE PITCHING MACHING IS OUT OF ORDER.** If you use the smaller pitching machine, please ensure to put the machine and extension cord away when you are done.
- **DO NOT REMOVE ANYTHING** from the cage.
- **NEVER** hang or attach anything, including targets to the netting or pitching screens as it will ruin the netting and cause costly repairs.
- Return all baseballs to cart/buckets and secure them plus all equipment in the lock box and/or shed. Extension cords should be rolled up and put away. **PLEASE DO NOT THROW EQUIPMENT**

INTO THE SHED. All matts should be rolled up and moved to the middle of the cage, along with pitching screens to keep equipment away from the elements.

Pitching Machine Use

The pitching machine is for general use. This requires an additional code to access a key to unlock the pitching machine. The key is located in a lock box inside the electrical panel. Please follow the guidelines below when using the pitching machine.

- Users are responsible for pitching machine use. Only adults and/or coaches are to use the pitching machine. Proper care is required to ensure the machine works as it should for all users. Any damage is the responsibility of the user and is to be reported immediately.
- The machine should not be used for player groups at a speed higher than they would see during normal play.
- Ensure the machine plug is locked when finished and the key returned to the lock box.