



Ground Rules for the Kraft Stadium Field in Jerusalem

Field 1:

On the side of Kraft Stadium with a full backstop after turning right from the Stadium's entrance

KSGRF1.01.04

(a) Home plate shall be placed on the "end zone line" at the point where a perpendicular line from the middle of the backstop crosses it.

(b) For Cadet League play, 3rd base shall be on the "20 yard" marker and 1st base shall be 90 feet from home plate. 2nd base will be placed at the intersection of the "lines" from 1st and 3rd bases.

(c) For Young Cadet League play, 1st and 3rd base shall be 75 feet or 22.86 meters measured from the rear point of home plate to the outside corner of the bag. 2nd base will be placed at the intersection of the "lines" from 1st and 3rd bases.

(d) For Juvenile and Minor League play, 3rd base shall be on the "10 yard" marker and 1st base shall 60 feet from home plate. 2nd base will be placed at the intersection of the "lines" from 1st and 3rd bases.

(e) The "out of play" line for a batted or thrown ball is the edge of the artificial turf bordering the concrete path.

EXCEPTION: In the outfield on the 1st base side, all batted or thrown balls which are inside the fence that parallels the foul line are in play.

KSGRF1.01.07

For all leagues, the pitcher's plate will conform to the specifications and be placed at the distances specified in IAB Rule 11.01.07 for Minor League play, IAB Rule 12.01.07 for Juvenile League play, IAB Rule 13.01.07 (a) for Cadet League play, and IAB Rule 13.01.07 (b) for Young Cadet League play.

KSGRF1.01.08

For all leagues, only one on-deck batter shall be permitted to be on the grass in foul territory on either side of the plate. In the Juvenile and Minor League, an on-deck position may be used *provided* the on-deck batter's manager with the concurrence of the umpire-in-chief, ensures that the location of the on-deck position will not expose the on-deck batter to possible injury. (See Minor League Rule 11.01.08 and Juvenile League Rule 12.01.08)

KSGRF1.01.11

The wearing of metal cleats is prohibited at Kraft Stadium.

KSGRF1.03.15

(a) No players or spectators shall sit on the "bench"/steps between the pole and the backstop on the 3rd base side. No players or spectators shall sit in an area of equal size to this same area on the 1st base side.

(b) No players or spectators shall be behind the backstop unless retrieving a ball.

(c) No equipment shall be on any part of the playing area.

(d) During its entire time at bat, the batting team will send a player or team representative outside the field above home plate to retrieve any foul ball batted out of the park. A representative from the batting team will inform the umpire at the start of the half inning that someone is in position and ready to retrieve any foul ball batted out of the park.

PENALTY: A strike will be called on the batter.

KSGRF1.03.16

(a) If an IAB player from Field 2 interferes with a batted ball when two games are being played simultaneously, the players in that IAB game on Field 2 will be treated as “spectators” for the purpose of Rule 3.16. Rule 3.16 will apply if interference occurs.

(b) If there is a non-IAB athletic event (e.g., women’s soccer) occurring while an IAB game is being played, the players in that non-IAB athletic event will be treated as “spectators” for the purpose of Rule 3.16. Rule 3.16 will apply if interference occurs.

KSGRF1.06.09

For all leagues, a fair batted ball which passes over any fence is a home run.

KSGRF1.07.04

(a) For the purpose of Rule 7.04 (c), a “spectator” area is any “out of play” area except the area used by each team as a “dugout”. A “spectator” area includes the entrance to the stadium and the area extending from the backstop to the light pole on both sides of the field.

(b) Unlike a dugout where the ball becomes dead under Rule 7.04 (c) only if the fielder falls, in a spectator area the ball is dead regardless of whether the fielder falls or remains standing (see the Ruling in PBUCA Umpire Manual 4.11).

(c) For the purpose of Rule 7.04 (c), a “dugout” is the seating facilities on the 1st base and/or 3rd base side of the field used by players, substitutes and other team members in uniform when they are not actively engaged on the playing field.

(d) The front of the dugout is the edge of the grass.

(e) One base is awarded to the batter/runner and all base runners if a thrown ball is gloved by a fielder in live ball territory and subsequently carried by the fielder into any “out of play” area. The award of bases will be adjudged from the time the ball was carried into dead ball territory.

KSGRF1.07.05

In the case of an “unplayable ball” (i.e., a batted ball whose retrieval is hindered by shrubbery within the boundaries of the field or holes under or in the fences) in the outfield, the fielder may signal the umpire by raising his arms. **The ball is alive** until such time as the **umpire calls the ball “dead”**. Runners may advance. Only when the umpire calls the ball dead does play stop. A fielder who raises his hands cannot assume the ball is dead. The fielder assumes the risk the umpire will decide the ball was playable. The umpire will verify that indeed the ball is out of play in such a manner that it hinders play before he calls the ball dead. This is a judgment call by the umpire. If the umpire calls the ball dead, the awarding of bases will be governed by Rule 7.05 (f).

Field 2:

This field will be used when two games are being played simultaneously. This field is across the field from the Stadium’s entrance on the side of Kraft Stadium with “no backstop”. The corner of the Stadium fence is behind home plate.

KSGRF2.01.04

(a) Home plate will be placed on the intersection of the white lines (“end zone line” and “side line”)

(b) For Juvenile and Minor League play, 3rd base shall be on the “10 yard” marker and 1st base shall be 60 feet from home plate. 2nd base will be placed at the intersection of the “lines” from 1st and 3rd bases.

KSGRF2.01.07

For all leagues, the pitcher’s plate will conform to the specifications and be placed at the distances specified in IAB Rule 11.01.07 for Minor League play, IAB Rule 12.01.07 for Juvenile League play, IAB Rule 13.01.07 (a) for Cadet League play, and IAB Rule 13.01.07 (b) for Young Cadet League play.

KSGRF2.01.08

In the Juvenile and Minor League, an on-deck position may be used *provided* the on-deck batter's manager with the concurrence of the umpire-in-chief, ensures that the location of the on-deck position will not expose the on-deck batter to possible injury. (See Minor League Rule 11.01.08 and Juvenile League Rule 12.01.08)

KSGRF2.01.11

The wearing of metal cleats is prohibited at Kraft Stadium.

KSGRF2.02.00

All balls "along" and outside the foul lines are in play. Beyond the grass in right field will be out of play. Note: *If a player catches a fair fly ball which is past the grass, but he has at least one foot on the grass it will be a catch.*

KSGRF2.03.15

(a) No players or spectators may sit in an area of equal size to that described in Ground Rule KSGRF2.02.00.

(b) No players or spectators shall be behind the backstop unless retrieving a ball.

(c) No equipment shall be on any part of the playing area.

(d) During its entire time at bat, the batting team will send a player or team representative outside the field behind home plate to retrieve any foul ball batted out of the park. A representative from the batting team will inform the umpire at the start of the half inning that someone is in position and ready to retrieve any foul ball batted out of the park.

PENALTY: A strike will be called on the batter.

KSGRF2.03.16

(a) If an IAB player from Field 1 interferes with a batted ball when two games are being played simultaneously, the players in that IAB game on Field 1 will be treated as "spectators" for the purpose of Rule 3.16. Rule 3.16 will apply if interference occurs.

(b) If there is a non-IAB athletic event occurring while an IAB game is being played, the players in that non-IAB athletic event will be treated as "spectators" for the purpose of Rule 3.16. Rule 3.16 will apply if interference occurs.

KSGRF2.06.09

(a) This Ground Rule KSGRF2.06.09 does not apply to Young Cadet or Cadet League play.

(b) Batted balls which bound into the "stands" will be governed by Rule 6.09 (e).

(c) For Juvenile and Minor League play, a batted ball in left field is live regardless of how far it is hit or how far it rolls.

(d) For Juvenile and Minor League play, a batted ball that lands in the "stands" or strikes the sidewalk in front of the stands or office will be a home run, regardless of whether or not it is caught.

KSGRF2.07.05

In the case of an "unplayable ball" (i.e., a batted ball whose retrieval is hindered by shrubbery within the boundaries of the field or holes under or in the fences) in the outfield, the fielder may signal the umpire by raising his arms. **The ball is alive** until such time as the **umpire calls the ball "dead"**. Runners may advance. Only when the umpire calls the ball dead does play stop. A fielder who raises his hands cannot assume the ball is dead. The fielder assumes the risk the umpire will decide the ball was playable. The umpire will verify that indeed the ball is out of play in such a manner that it hinders play before he calls the ball dead. This is a judgment call by the umpire. If the umpire calls the ball dead, the awarding of bases will be governed by Rule 6.09 (e).