



## **Ground Rules 2026 Season**

**Approved by FCLL Board of Directors**

Fremont Centerville Little League California District 14

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## **MARSHALL PARK FIELD 1 GROUND RULES**

1. There are gates, one on each side, and an opening down the left field corner where the left field fence and the outfield fence meet. If a batted fair ball, either before or after touching the ground, passes through either an opening in the gates or through the opening near the outfield corner, the ball is dead. Each runner including the batter runner is entitled to two bases from their position at the time of the pitch. (Rule 6.09 (f)).
2. Any overthrown or deflected ball that hits any front facing surface - i.e. dugout fence, front edge of concrete pad at dugout entrance, kickboards at dugout - and bounces back is ruled still in play. However, any overthrown or deflected ball that hits a front facing surface and enters the dugout is dead and bases will awarded based on the Little League Rule Book.
3. Any ball that enters the caged equipment area at the end of the dugouts is dead.
4. When a fielder, after catching a fly ball, steps into or falls into the dugout or caged area, is subject to Rules 5.10(f) and 7.04(b). The ball is dead and runners are entitled to a one base award.

## **MARSHALL PARK FIELD 2 GROUND RULES**

1. There are gates, one on each side, and a gate down the left field corner where the left field fence and the outfield fence meet. If a batted fair ball, either before or after touching the ground, passes through an opening in the gates, the ball is dead.. Each runner including the batter runner is entitled to two bases from their position at the time of the pitch. (Rule 6.09 (f)).
2. If a batted fly ball hits the phone wire in the left or left center field over fair territory , the ball is live and in play. If a batted fly ball hits the wire over foul territory it is a foul ball. Any thrown ball hitting the wire is live and in play.
3. Any overthrown or deflected ball that hits any front facing surface - i.e. dugout fence, front edge of concrete pad at dugout entrance, kickboards at dugout - and bounces back is ruled still in play. However, any overthrown or deflected ball that hits a front facing surface and enters the dugout is dead and bases will awarded based on the Little League Rule Book.
4. Any ball that enters the caged equipment area at the end of the dugouts is dead.
5. When a fielder, after catching a fly ball, steps into or falls into the dugout or caged area, is subject to Rules 5.10(f) and 7.04(b). The ball is dead and runners are entitled to a one base award.



## **MARSHALL PARK FIELD 3 GROUND RULES**

There are gates, one on each side, and an opening down the left field corner where the left field fence and the outfield fence meet. If a batted fair ball, either before or after touching the ground, passes through either an opening in the gates or through the opening near the outfield corner will be a Ground Rule Double. Each runner including the batter runner is entitled to two bases from their position at the time of the pitch. (Rule 6.09 (f)).

## MATTOS MAJOR FIELD

### OUT OF PLAY AREA:

1. Left Field – There is an imaginary line between the end of the out of play fence and the left field foul pole.
2. Right Field – There is an imaginary line between the OUT OF PLAY FENCE and the right field foul pole.
3. Beyond these imaginary lines are dead ball areas. Overthrows, deflected balls, and fair batted balls that go beyond these lines are out of play and bases will be awarded based on the Little League rule book. If a fielder catches a fly ball out of play it is a foul ball. If a player catches it in play and his momentum carries him into the out of play area the ball is dead, and runners are awarded one base from their position at the time of the pitch (Rule 7.04 (b))
4. Dugouts - All balls hit or thrown into the dugouts or hitting anyone in the dugout entrance should be considered OUT OF PLAY.

### RULES:

1. Any ball in play that hits off the front of the cement slab at the edge of the dugouts and does not go into the dugout or hit anyone at the dugout entrance is considered in play. Runners can advance at their own risk.
2. Any fair batted ball that rolls beyond the imaginary line between the foul poles and OUT OF PLAY FENCE, the ball is dead and out of play and the batter and all runners are entitled to a two base award from their position at the time of pitch.
3. Any ball in play that is thrown or rolls into any other dead ball area, including dugouts, is considered a dead ball and appropriate bases should be awarded.
4. Thrown ball which remains in foul territory, between the foul lines and the OUT OF PLAY FENCE, and does not go into a dead ball area, is considered a live ball, all runners advance at their own risk.

## GLENMOOR FIELD

### OUT OF PLAY AREAS:

1. Left Field – Imaginary line extending from end of fence behind third base dugout to far fence line is considered out of play.
2. Right Field - Imaginary line extending from end of fence behind first base dugout to far fence line is considered out of play.
3. Beyond these imaginary lines are dead ball areas. Overthrows, deflected balls, and fair batted balls that go beyond these lines are out of play and bases will be awarded based on the Little League rule book. If a fielder catches a fly ball out of play it is a foul ball. If a player catches it in play and his momentum carries him into the out of play area the ball is dead, and runners are awarded one base from their position at the time of the pitch (Rule 7.04 (b))
4. Dugouts - All balls thrown into the dugouts or hitting anyone in the dugout entrance should be considered dead and bases awarded according to the Little League rulebook..

### RULES:

1. Fly balls beyond imaginary line or in equipment storage areas are OUT OF PLAY and should be considered a dead ball.
2. Thrown ball, which remains in foul territory between the foul lines and the OUT OF PLAY lines, is considered a live ball, runners advance at own risk.

Any fair batted ball that bounds over, through or under a fence, becomes lodged in the fence or shrubbery shall entitle the batter and any runners to a two-base award from time of pitch. Players should alert the umpires by raising their hands when this occurs, so the umpires can confirm it.

## **PATTERSON MINOR FIELD**

1. A fair fly ball that in the judgment of the Umpire clears or lands beyond the cones on the fly or the fence and above the yellow line on the Major Field dugout in left field is a home run.
2. A fair bounding ball that bounces past the cone line or into any out of play area is considered a ground rule double (Rule 7.05(f) ).
3. Dugouts: Any thrown ball that enters through the dugout openings are out of play. Players can reach into the dugout to make a play on a fly ball, but may not step into the dugout to make a play. If a player catches a fly ball in an in play area and carries it through the dugout opening into the dugout, the batter is out, the ball is dead, and all runners are entitled to one base from their position at the time of the pitch ( Rule 7.04(b)).
4. Along the Left Field fence, an imaginary line continues on the same line as the fence. Beyond the imaginary line is an out of play area. Overthrows, deflected balls, and fair batted balls that go beyond these lines are out of play and bases will be awarded based on the Little League rule book. If a fielder catches a fly ball out of play it is a foul ball. If a player catches it in play and his momentum carries him into the out of play area the ball is dead, and runners are awarded one base from their position at the time of the pitch ( Rule 7.04(b) ).
5. A fair fly ball that comes in contact with the tree in right field will be considered a home run.
6. A fair ground (bounding) ball that comes in contact with the tree in right field and bounds out of play area is considered a ground rule double.
7. The umpire shall use the yellow line marked on the tree in right field, to determine whether the ball is fair or foul.
8. Any overthrown or deflected ball that hits any front facing surface - i.e. dugout fence, front edge of concrete pad at dugout entrance, kickboards at dugout - and bounces back into play is ruled still in play. However any overthrown or deflected ball that hits a front facing surface and enters the dugout is ruled out of play and bases will be awarded based on the Little League Rule Book.

## **PATTERSON MAJOR FIELD**

1. A fair ball down the 1st or 3rd base line that carries into foul territory and beyond the outfield fence line or into an out of play area is a ground rule double ( Rule 7.05(f) ).
2. A fair fly ball that hits the scoreboard and/or its support structure is a home run.
3. Dugouts and through the dugout gates are out of play. Players can reach into the dugout to make a play on a fly ball, but may not step into the dugout to make a play. If a player catches a fly ball in an in play area and carries it into the dugout through the dugout gate, the batter is out, the ball is dead, and all runners are entitled to one base from their position at the time of the pitch ( Rule 7.04(b) ).
4. If the temporary fences on the left and right field lines are not erected, an imaginary line continues on the same line as the front dugout fence. Beyond the imaginary line is an out of play area. Overthrows, deflected balls, and fair batted balls that go beyond these lines are out of play and bases will be awarded based on the Little League rule book.
5. If a fielder catches a fly ball out of play, it is a foul ball. If a player catches it in play and his momentum carries him into the out of play area the ball is dead, and runners are awarded one base from their position at the time of the pitch (Rule 7.04(b) ).
6. Any overthrown or deflected ball that hits any front facing surface - i.e. dugout fence, front edge of concrete pad at dugout entrance, kickboards at dugout - and bounces back is ruled still in play. However, any overthrown or deflected ball that hits a front facing surface and enters the dugout is ruled out of play and bases will awarded based on the Little League Rule Book.

## **HARVEY GREEN FIELD 1 (MAJORS)**

### **OUT OF PLAY AREA:**

1. Dugouts - All balls hit or thrown into the dugouts or hitting anyone in the dugout entrance should be considered OUT OF PLAY.
2. The bullpens for both visitor and home teams are considered OUT OF PLAY

### **RULES:**

1. Home dugout along the third base line – the area between dugout and the foul territory by third base should be kept completely clear of equipment and other items.
2. Visitor dugout along the first base line – the area between dugout and the foul territory by first base should be kept completely clear of equipment and other items.
3. Any batted ball that hits off top of the backstop overhang or roof of either dugout is considered foul and out of play.
4. Any ball in play that is thrown or rolls into any other OUT OF PLAY AREA, including dugouts and bullpens, is considered a dead ball and appropriate bases should be awarded.
5. Thrown ball which remains in foul territory, between the foul lines and the OUT OF PLAY FENCE, and does not go into an OUT OF PLAY AREA, is considered a live ball, all runners advance at their own risk.

## **HARVEY GREEN FIELD 2 (50/70)**

### **OUT OF PLAY AREA:**

1. Dugouts - All balls hit or thrown into the dugouts or hitting anyone in the dugout entrance should be considered OUT OF PLAY.
2. The bullpens for both visitor and home teams are considered OUT OF PLAY

### **RULES:**

1. Home dugout along the third base line – the area between dugout and the foul territory by third base should be kept completely clear of equipment and other items.
2. Visitor dugout along the first base line – the area between dugout and the foul territory by first base should be kept completely clear of equipment and other items.
3. Any batted ball that hits off top of the backstop overhang or roof of either dugout is considered foul and out of play.
4. Any ball in play that is thrown or rolls into any other OUT OF PLAY AREA, including dugouts and bullpens, is considered a dead ball and appropriate bases should be awarded.
5. Thrown ball which remains in foul territory, between the foul lines and the OUT OF PLAY FENCE, and does not go into an OUT OF PLAY AREA, is considered a live ball, all runners advance at their own risk.

## **HARVEY GREEN FIELD 3 (MINOR A/TEE BALL)**

The outfield is not fenced, any ball hit or thrown onto the blacktop would be ruled an automatic double.