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IMPORTANT INFORMATION

IMMEDIATELY INCLUDE THIS PAPERWORK TO YOUR

"ABC OPERATORS MANUAL"

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IN AN EFFORT TO MAINTAIN THE SAFEST  
BATTING RANGE OPERATION POSSIBLE  
PLEASE REVIEW THESE "OPERATING STANDARDS"  
AND IMPLEMENT THESE STANDARDS IMMEDIATELY.

## ABC OPERATION STANDARDS

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1. All batting areas (batting stalls) must be well defined and marked areas where the batters must stand.
2. All batting areas (batting stalls) must have a well defined and marked area where the balls will be generally thrown.
3. All batting areas (batting stalls) must have well defined and marked areas where batters are excluded.
4. Batting stalls should have adequate width, height and depth to protect the batters and provide for adequate batters swings.
5. All batting stalls should have adequate lighting to provide complete visibility of pitched balls from pitching machines.
6. All pitching machines should have "Warning Light" systems in complete operating order.
7. All spectators should be adequately protected from contact with balls and bats with netting and fencing systems.
8. Equipment systems (including machines and warning light systems) must have a complete operating "emergency stop" ability (ABC Master Control Panel).
9. All batting stall gates should employ self-closing mechanisms to prevent balls from exiting batting stalls.
10. All batting stalls which operate "Dual-Machine" systems should be adequately marked to inform batters of dual-use mechanisms.
11. All batting stalls should adequately display a sign indicating how to operate the batting cage. Sign should include how to start the game, when the balls will be pitched and when the game is over.
12. Batting Range Operation should adequately display a sign indicating that the game has "Inherent Risks" associated with the use of the game and that the pitching machines throw BOTH balls and strikes.

\* "CAUTION: Injuries could result from the use of this device. Users should assume the inherent risks of batting baseballs and softballs. If users have any questions about the use of this device or the inherent risks associated with use of this device, ask the attendant before using the batting cages".

13. Batting Range Operation should adequately display "Warning/Rules" sign which include the following warnings and rules:
  - \* Batters Must wear Helmets at all times!
  - \* Only ONE batter in the cage at a time.
  - \* NO switch hitting during the game.
  - \* Batters must wear shoes. (No Baseball-Softball Cheats)
  - \* No person under the influence of Drugs or Alcohol is permitted to use the batting cages.
  - \* Alert the attendant immediately if balls are throwing out of strike zone.
  - \* Balls may be pitched at any time. BE ALERT at all times.
  - \* No one under the age of 6 years old is permitted to use the batting cages.
  - \* No one under the age of 16 is allowed to use cages throwing the effective speed of 70-75 MPH.
  - \* Close gates at all times when entering or exiting the cages.
  - \* No Practice swings outside of cages unless in designated areas.
  - \* During or after the game, do not pick up balls from ground. Do not throw balls back at pitching machines.
14. All Batting Helmets should be equipped with protective Face Mask.
15. At least one trained attendant MUST BE PRESENT AT ALL TIMES during all operating hours to supervise the safe operation of the batting range. Attendant must be trained at all times in the "SAFETY RULES" of the batting range.
16. Operator/Owner of the batting range must keep the batting range equipment and netting systems maintained at ALL times to "ABC's" specifications.
17. Attendant must check ball pitching accuracy of all pitching machines at least once per day.
18. Operator/Owner should check at least weekly the conditions of all balls. Balls showing excessive wear, deformation, cracks or breakage should be removed immediately. New balls should replace worn or defective balls.
19. Operator/Owner must train all attendants in the safe operation of the batting range and insist that all attendants maintain and promote a safe operation at all times.
20. Attendants or anyone inside of batting cages MUST wear protective helmets at all times.
21. Servicing of equipment system must be completed by a trained and qualified person. Repairs and servicing must be completed AFTER reviewing all ABC documents relating to repairs and servicing.