

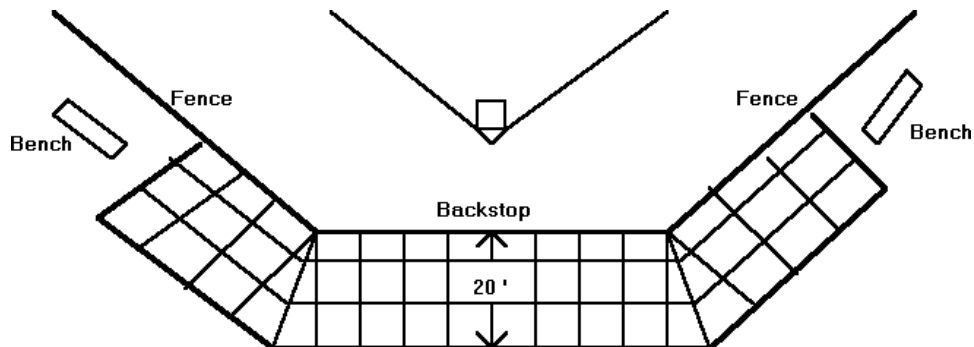
PISGAH YOUTH ORGANIZATION



VISITORS POLICIES

PYO Field and Facility Policies

- A. The below policies are the main points that govern all playing activities and the use of PYO facilities and equipment, for all league affiliations. Complete policies and guidelines can be found in the PYO Members Handbook and we expect all to abide by the Coaches and Parents Code of Conduct that is available via the PYO Website. -- www.pyobaseball.org
- B. **Demeanor and Conduct of Coaches, Players and Guests**
1. The use of alcoholic beverages, Vaping, Tobacco, profane language, or misuse of equipment will not be tolerated. Violation shall be cause for immediate ejection from the premises. No game or practice shall continue until the offender or offenders have left.
 2. **No pets are permitted on PYO premises.**
 3. No heckling, intimidating, or harassing umpires, or opposing players, by anybody, including spectators and other players.
 4. No fighting by participants including players, managers, coaches, other team personnel and or spectators.
 5. No persons, including parents, spectators, siblings, coaches, and players, will be allowed in the Neutral Zone (20 ft behind the backstop) during play. If necessary, the umpire(s) shall call time to clear the Zone and play shall not continue until the Zone is cleared.



Exceptions:

- a. The umpires may modify this Rule to accommodate local field conditions, but only for those directly affected. For example, if a player's bench is relocated because of water in the area of the permanent bench, the players maybe located in a designated bench area in the Neutral Zone.

C. Playing Fields, Rain Procedure and Batting Cage Use

1. During the season, when wet weather conditions exist, go to our [Field Conditions Update](#) Screen which will be updated daily. Member and Visitor instructions will be updated to include which Field's are available for play by 5:00 pm during the week. Saturday instructions will be updated by 8:00 am . Sunday instructions will be updated by noon. This includes the fields at the Shawnee Elementary School and at Keehner Park.
2. No practice swings with the bat shall be taken until the player is either on the playing field by home plate or in a designated on deck space inside a fenced area. Hitting balls, by means of soft toss into a fenced area, or hitting off a tee into a fenced area, or use of any other hitting device in a fenced dugout area is strictly prohibited. Use of an on field motorized pitching machine is prohibited unless prior Board permission is obtained.
3. There will be no infield warm-up before scheduled Tournament play.
4. Please abide by the posted rules regarding use of the Batting Cages. Teams can reserve Batting Cage use during a Tournament for a fee. Sign up in the Concession Stand for your first come first serve time slot(s).

D. Severe Weather

OHSAA Lightning & Inclement Weather Policy

Recognition

Coaches, athletic trainers, athletes, administrators and contest officials shall be educated regarding the signs indicating thunderstorm development. Since the average distance between successive lightning flashes is approximately two to three miles, in most cases whenever lightning can be seen or thunder is heard, the risk is already present. However, at night under certain atmospheric conditions, lightning flashes may be seen from distant storms. In these cases, it may be safe to continue an event if no thunder can be heard and the flashes are low on the horizon. Weather can be monitored using the following methods:

- **Monitor Weather Patterns** – Be aware of potential thunderstorms by monitoring local weather forecasts the day before and the morning of the competition, and by scanning the sky for signs of potential thunderstorm activity.
- **National Weather Service** – Weather can also be monitored using small, portable weather radios from the NWS. The NWS uses a system of severe storm watches and warnings. A watch indicates conditions are favorable for severe weather to develop in an area; a warning indicates severe weather has been reported in an area, and everyone should take proper precautions. Any thunderstorm poses a risk of injury or death even if it does not meet the criteria for severe weather. Therefore, anytime thunderstorms are in the forecast (even if it is only a 20 percent chance), event organizers shall be at a heightened level of awareness to the potential danger of lightning.

Management

- **Evacuation** – If lightning is imminent or a thunderstorm is approaching unless under the night atmospheric conditions previously explained, all personnel, athletes and spectators shall evacuate to available safe structures or shelters. A list of the closest safe structures should be announced and displayed on placards at all athletic venues.
- **Thirty-Minute Rule** – Competition or practice shall be suspended once lightning has been recognized or thunder is heard. It is required to wait at least 30 minutes after the last flash of lightning is witnessed or thunder is heard prior to resuming practice or competition. Given the average rates of thunderstorm travel, the storm should move 10-12 miles away from the area. This significantly reduces the risk of local lightning flashes. Any subsequent lightning or thunder after the beginning of the 30-minute count shall reset the clock, and another count shall begin.

E. Location of the PYO Facilities Street Address

- Main Complex – 9124 Cincinnati Columbus Road – West Chester, OH
- Shawnee ECS Location – 9397 Tessa Court – West Chester, OH – (back of School where Baseball Fields are located)
- Keehner Park Location – 7411 Barret Road – West Chester, OH

F. Concession Stand, Gate and Parking Fees

- PYO like most organization's rely on the Concession income as a major contributor to its' annual fundraising efforts.
- There are no Gate or Parking Fees at the PYO Complex During the Spring And Fall Seasons.
- PYO sponsored Tournaments may have a Parking/Gate fee.