

CHS FIELD GROUND RULES

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1. Any thrown ball that hits off the net behind home plate is considered in play
2. Any thrown ball that sticks in the net or padding is automatically a dead ball
3. A fielder must catch a foul ball in front of either dugout with two feet on the playing surface
 - a. If a fielder catches a ball with two feet in the field of play and his momentum carries him into the dugout, the batter is out.
 - b. If a fielder catches a ball with two feet in the field of play and his momentum carries him into the dugout, he must return both feet to the playing surface before he can throw the ball to try and get a runner
 - c. If a fielder catches a ball in foul territory and slides or falls into the dugout and maintains control of the catch, the batter is out, but the base runners move up one base
 - d. A fielder may not stand on the wall in foul territory to catch a ball, nor may he have a foot in the stands
 1. As long as a fielder's feet are on the ground when they make the catch, his momentum may carry him over the wall and into the stands. He must maintain control of the ball when landing in the stands
 - e. A fielder may not stand on the tarp and catch a foul ball
 1. As long as a fielder's feet are on the ground when they make the catch, his momentum may carry him on the tarp to make the catch
4. A thrown ball that crosses the railing of the dugout is automatically a dead ball and the runner advances one base
5. If a ball goes behind the tarp, gets lodged in the tarp or goes into the tube the ball is automatically dead
6. If the ball gets stuck anywhere in the video board in right-center field the ball is automatically dead
7. If the ball gets stuck anywhere in the outfield padding, the outfielder must raise his hands to signify a dead ball. If the outfielder plays the ball, the ball is considered live
8. If the ball gets lodged in the bullpen fence, the outfielder must raise his hands to signify a dead ball. If the outfielder plays the ball, the ball is considered live
9. The ball must clear the yellow line in right field to be considered a home run. Any ball that hits off the metal railing above the yellow line is a home run
10. Any hit ball that clears the yellow line on top of the right field video board is considered a home run
11. Any ball hit to the left of the yellow line in right center field on the outfield wall is considered a home run
12. Any ball hit off the batters eye is considered a home run