

## **Bismarck Municipal Ballpark Ground Rules**

1. Dead ball area - Blue surface in front of the dugout:
  - a. A player is not permitted to enter onto the blue surface in front of the dugout, beyond the white line, to catch any foul pop fly or field a live ball in foul territory.
    - i. A player is permitted to reach over the blue surface area in front of the dugout to make a catch on a foul fly ball.
    - ii. If a player makes a catch outside the blue surface area and the player's momentum carries him onto the blue surface, then the catch is allowed and the ball remains alive as long as the player does not step onto the blue surface with both feet.
      1. One foot in - the ball remains alive.
      2. Both feet in - the ball is dead and players are awarded one base.
  - b. Any ball in play that lands on or rolls into the blue surface in front of the dugout, beyond the white line, is a dead ball.
    - i. Book rule.
2. Outfield vines and vines along first and third base line.
  - a. A batted baseball that is stuck (visible or not) in the vines, the fielder can raise both arms and a ground rule double will be awarded.
  - b. A thrown baseball that gets stuck (visible or not) in the vines, players can raise both arms and the book rule will be applied to the situation.
3. A baseball that goes under grates or through openings in fence and remains there:
  - a. Book Rule