

### **ABOUT THE CAGE**

The freestanding trapezoid batting cage is our most popular and affordable batting cage system. The HDPE #32 netting has a trapezoid shape just like the frame so you can utilize the full width of the cage which makes it an excellent choice for a batting cage net.



### GUIDELINES FOR THE SAFE ENJOYMENT OF YOUR BATTING CAGE

Hitting in a batting cage involves a degree of risk; here are our suggestions to minimize that risk:

- 1) Make sure the netting moves freely for maxium wear and ball control. Don't secure the bottom rope of the netting or tie the bottom of the netting down in any way. It needs to be able to move in order for the netting to absorb the speed of the ball.
- 2) Make sure the netting is at least 24" away from anything solid, such as a wall or chain link fence.
- 3) Always keep spectators behind the hitter, and a safe distance from the net
- 4) Inspect netting regularly for any area where a ball might go through. Netting is subject to wear, and this wear rate is completely subject to the following factors:



**AMOUNT OF USE.** More use equals faster wear.

**WEATHER CONDITIONS.** The more sun, the shorter the lifespan. High winds will present side loads on the netting and thus the frame, much like a sail on a boat. If the weather prediction is for strong winds, we recommend taking down the netting.

**NETTING TENSION.** We recommend hanging netting loosely. The tighter the net, the faster it will wear out.

- 5) If the netting is worn or damaged, we recommend to stop using it until it is replaced or repaired.
- **6)** Using the batting cage under the influence of any mind altering substance increases the risk of injury.
- 7) Always use protective gear such as L-screens and helmets inside a batting cage.



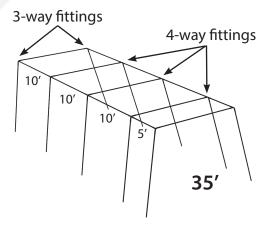
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#### **BEFORE YOU BEGIN**

Read these instructions fully before starting the assembly process. Please examine the illustrations to the left. These illustrations show what your completed cage will look like. Take note that the 35' and 55' cages do NOT contain equal amounts of male and female poles. This is due to one section that is shorter than the rest (5ft).



### 35' Trapezoid Batting Cage

6 each - 4 way fittings

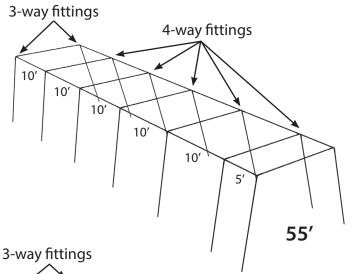


4 each - 3 way fittings



Female 23 each

Male 21 each



### 55' Trapezoid Batting Cage

10 each - 4 way fittings



4 each - 3 way fittings



Female 33 each

Male 31 each

### 70' Trapezoid Batting Cage

12 each - 4 way fittings



4 each - 3 way fittings



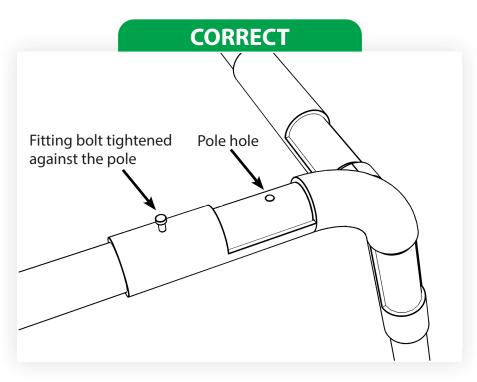
Female 38 each

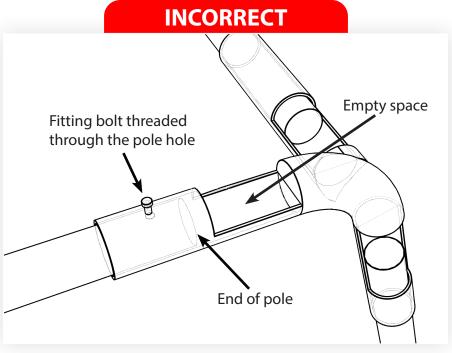
Male 38 each



#### **IMPORTANT:**

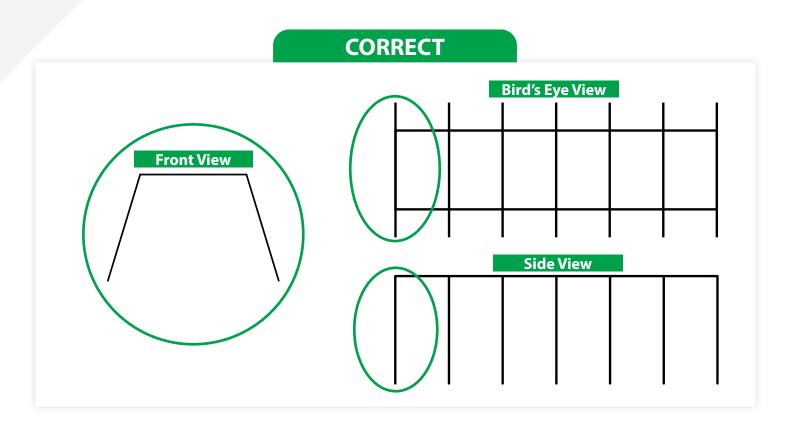
Make sure to insert the ends of the poles completely into their respective 3 and 4-way fittings. **DO NOT** attempt to thread the supplied bolts through the holes in the ends of the poles. This will enlarge the frame unnecessarily, make the frame weaker, and will interfere with the proper fitting of your net (see diagrams below).

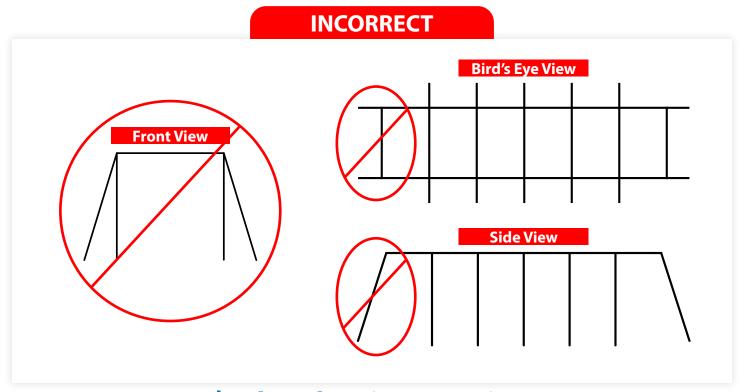






Please review the following illustrations before assembling your batting cage. This shows you the correct and incorrect way of putting the cage together.







### **35' CAGE**

(21) 9′ 10.5″ sections

(2) 5' sections

#### **55' CAGE**

(31) 9′ 10.5″ sections (2) 5′ sections

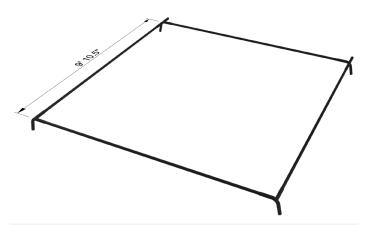
#### 70'CAGE

(38) 9' 10.5" sections

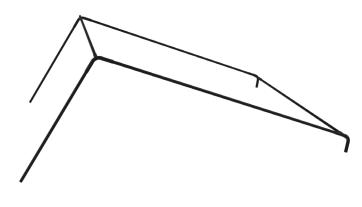
This framework is designed for use with 1-3/8" O.D. (outside diameter) steel tubing. If you did not purchase the tubing from us, you will need to purchase tubing based on the specifications to the left.

If you've purchased the pole kit from us, you will connect 5' male and female sections to make the required 9'10.5" sections.

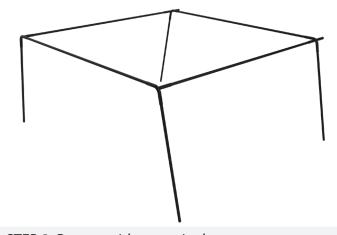
**NOTE:** Use the three-way corners at the outside corners of the batting cage. Use the fourway corners for the inside connections. The 70' cage will have an even number of male and female poles, making 7 identical sections.



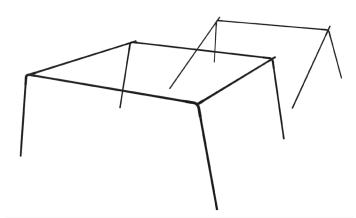
STEP 1: Connect (2) 5' poles to make 9'10.5" sections. Then secure into the corner fitting.



STEP 2: Tilt up and insert 5' poles into outside corner fittings.

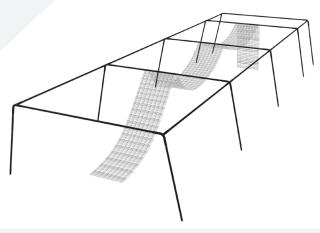


STEP 3: Repeat with opposite legs.

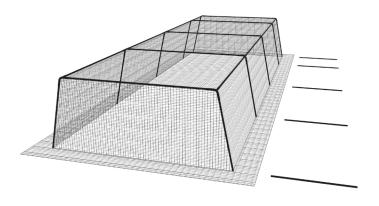


STEP 4: Secure into the corners. Prepare the next section.





STEP 5: Continue down the frame. Drape the net over the frame then spread out. (35' frame shown)

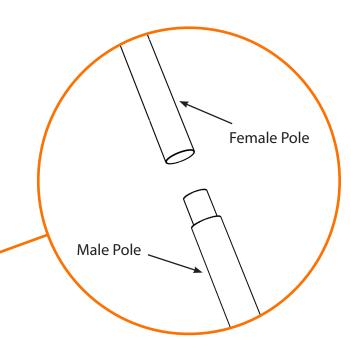


STEP 6: Open the net over the frame, and layout the bottom poles.

Begin raising the frame to full height by inserting the lower 5' poles.

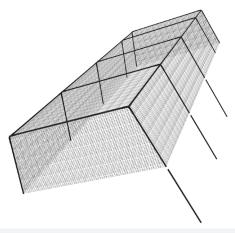
To spread the load, have one person lift the section 2.5' off the ground while the other person raises the frame to full height.

If both people don't work together to spread the stress, the poles or fittings could potentially fall off

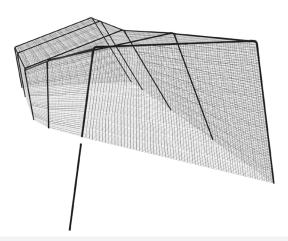


STEP 7: Two people are required for this step.

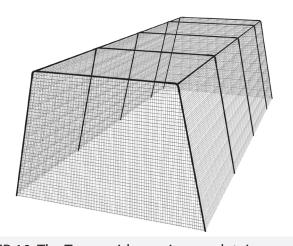




STEP 8: Continue down the side of the cage inserting the poles in the same manner as STEP 7.



STEP 9: Repeat STEP 7 & 8 on the opposite side of the cage.



STEP 10: The Trapezoid cage is complete!

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