

SOFTBALL 12" (Fast and Slow Pitch)

NAME OF SPORTS ORGANIZATION

Amateur Softball Association of America, (ASA)

RECOMMENDED AREA

Ground space is 62,500 square feet (1.5 acres) to 90,000 square feet (2.0 acres).

SIZE AND DIMENSION

Baselines are 60'-0" for men and women, 45'-0" for juniors. Pitching distances are 46'-0" for men, 40'-0" for women, 35'-0" for juniors. Fast pitch playing field is 225' radius from home plate between foul lines for men and women. Slow pitch is 275' radius for men, 250' radius for women.

ORIENTATION

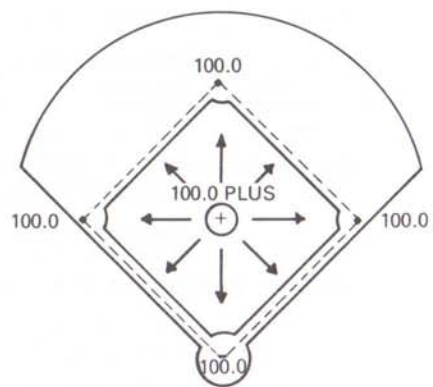
Optimum orientation is to locate home plate so that the pitcher is throwing across the sun and the batter is not facing it.

SURFACE AND DRAINAGE

Surface is to be turf. Infield may be skinned. The infield shall be graded so that the base lines and home plate are level.

SPECIAL CONSIDERATIONS

Backstop is to be located at a minimum distance of 25' behind home plate.



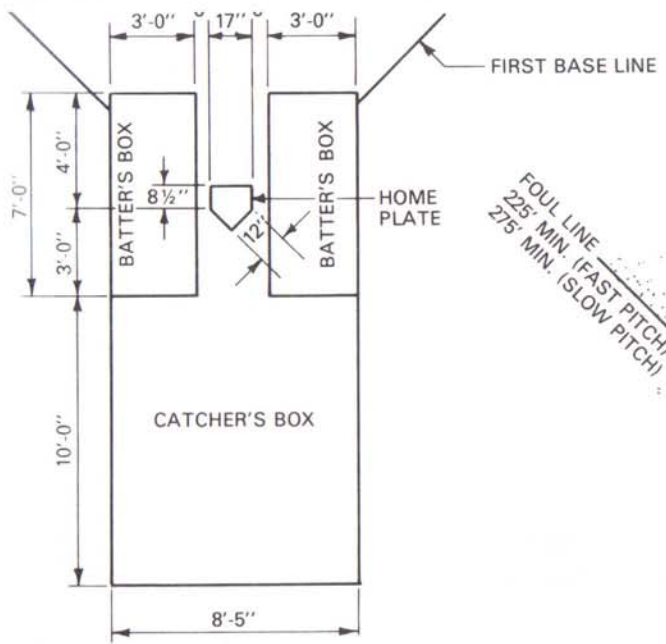
PREFERABLE GRADING
(BASEBALL AND SOFTBALL DIAMONDS)

NOTES:

See figure on individual sports for height of pitcher's plate above home plate.

It is preferable that the base lines be level. If the diamond must pitch, the average slope shall be 2.0% from first base to third base or vice versa.

The minimum slope for drainage on turf areas outside the skinned area is 1.0% when adequate subsoil drainage is provided. The maximum is 2.5%.



LAYOUT AT HOME PLATE

NOTES:

Foul lines, catcher's, batter's and coach's boxes, and 3' lines are 2" to 3" chalk lines.

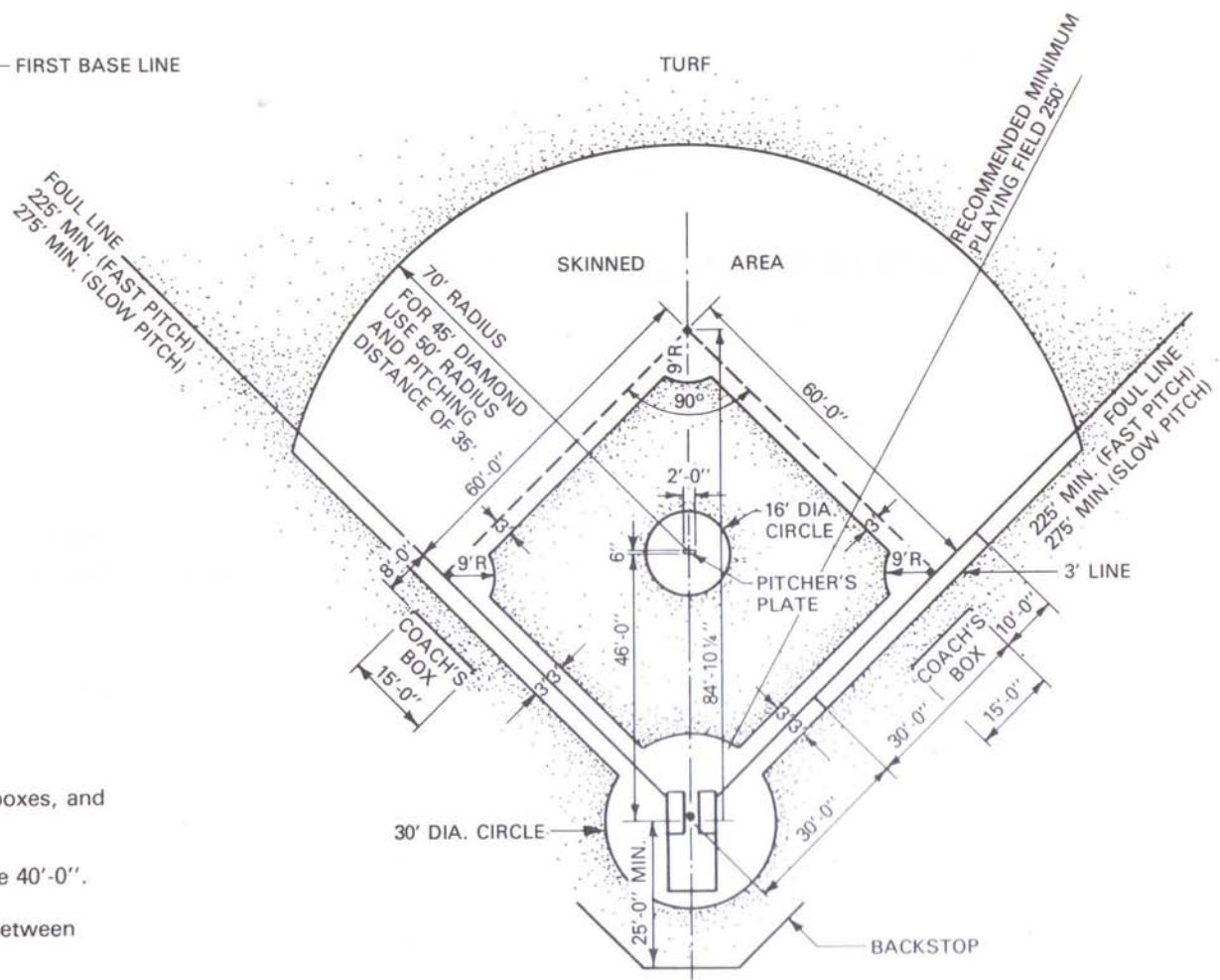
Pitching distance for women's softball to be 40'-0"'.

For junior player (9-12 years) 45' distance between bases, 35' pitching distance.

For grading and drainage details see figure 69.

For surfacing details see figure 70.

For backstop details see figure 71.



DIAMOND LAYOUT