

Lighting Standards

**Georgia High
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Lighting Guidelines

The following guidelines are recommended by the Georgia High School Association. These standards apply to the lighting of all high school athletic activities sponsored by the GHSA or its member schools.

Lighting athletic fields provides more opportunities for participants and allows increased family and community attendance at evening events. These standards incorporate the most current data available regarding the desired performance, lighting, electrical, and structural issues that apply to installation of a safe, effective lighting system. Lighting technologies currently available vary greatly in efficiency, with the most effective providing life-cycle savings equal to or greater than the initial cost of the system, depending on hours of usage.

The standards are divided into recommended minimums and desirable features. The minimums establish criteria important to safe conduct of GHSA activities and include evaluation of operating costs over the expected life of the lighting system. Desirable features are established to give added values where appropriate for a school's needs.

With ever-increasing pressure on operating budgets, schools are encouraged to clearly establish the performance criteria they expect and to evaluate the life-cycle operating cost of the sports lighting system.

I. Recommended Minimum Standards

These minimum standards are recommended for all lighting installations after the date of adoptions of these standards. Any modification in existing lighting systems after this date should be done so as to result in a lighting system in compliance with these standards. To be in compliance, a system must meet all recommended minimum standards.

PART 1 – GENERAL

1.1 LIGHTING PERFORMANCE

The IESNA “Recommended Practice for Sports and Recreational Area Lighting” RP-6-01 provides design criteria for sports facilities. Maintained average illuminance is defined as the average illuminance below which the light level should not fall throughout the system's life. Actual values are calculated from measurements taken on the specified surface at the time maintenance is to be carried out.

The quantity of lighting equipment needed is determined by the efficiency of the lighting system. The newest preferred technology is capable of delivering equal or better results with as little as half the amount of equipment required by prior technology systems.

A. Preferred Technology

Through a series of timed power adjustments, a lighting system is able to provide “constant light levels” and greatly extend the life of the lamps. In addition, this generation of lighting has high performance optic characteristics that enable large reductions in the quantities of luminaires needed to meet design targets.

B. Prior Technology

Computer designs are done using two sets of values. One predicts “initial light levels” when lamps are new. The other predicts “target maintained light levels” after the lamps have passed through a depreciation in light output. It is important to have the lighting designer use a recoverable light loss factor adequate to account for this depreciation in light output throughout the life of the lamp. A value no greater than .70 shall be applied to initial light levels to predict these target values. Quality manufacturers are willing to provide guarantees of lighting performance.

C. Performance Requirements

Playing surfaces shall be lit to an average constant or target light level and uniformity as specified in the chart on the next page. Lighting calculations shall be developed and field measurements taken on the grid spacing with the minimum number of grid points specified on pages 10-12. Field measured average illumination level shall be +/- 10% of predicted mean in accordance with IESNA RP-6-01, and measured at the first 100 hours of operation.

Area of Lighting	Average Constant or Target Light Levels (Horizontal)	Maximum to Minimum Uniformity Ratio
Baseball / Softball	50 footcandles infield 30 footcandles outfield	2:1 infield 2.5:1 outfield
Football / Soccer / Lacrosse / Field Hockey / Rugby – Less than 2000 spectators More than 2000 spectators	30 footcandles 50 footcandles	2.5:1 2:1
Gymnasium / Basketball With spectators No spectators	80 footcandles 50 footcandles	2:1
Natoriums	Consult an experienced lighting manufacturer or lighting specialist	
Tennis	40 footcandles	1.7:1 within lines 2:1 principal playing area
Track Competitive Use General Use (Walking track)	30 footcandles 5 footcandles	3:1 N/A
Combination / Multipurpose	Highest minimum for activities played on field	Lowest minimum for activities played

D. Glare for Participants

To achieve placement of lights in positions that enhance playability, pole heights, pole locations, and fixture placements should be as shown on the layouts in the appendix.

1.2 ENVIRONMENTAL LIGHT CONTROL

Many facilities are located near residential properties, creating the possibility of spill and glare onto adjoining properties. Consideration should be given to this issue during the initial lighting design stage to minimize this effect. Some communities are implementing ordinances designed to minimize light pollution. Contact your local planning committee or zoning board.

The lighting equipment manufacturer can assist in assessing this issue and provide drawings showing maximum footcandles at any points of concern on adjacent properties. Do not hesitate to investigate a manufacturer’s reputation, abilities, and past experiences in working with local authorities and private property owners regarding glare and spill issues.

1.3 LIFE CYCLE COSTS

Schools in Georgia continue to struggle with operating budgets. Because the efficiency of lighting systems currently available can vary greatly, schools should complete a life-cycle operating cost analysis when evaluating lighting systems. Owners should expect a quality lighting system to last a minimum of 25 years.

These standards provide a Life-Cycle Operating Cost Evaluation form on page 8 to assist with the process. Items that should be included are energy consumption based upon the facilities expected usage, cost for spot relamping and maintenance, and any additional savings in energy or labor cost provided by automated on/off control systems.

Contract price and life-cycle operating cost should both be considered in determining a lighting manufacturer for the project.

1.4 WARRANTY AND GUARANTEE

Product warranties are a good gauge of a manufacturer's confidence in its products. Warranties on prior generation equipment can range from five years to 10 years, and details of covered items and conditions vary greatly. New generation technology comes with warranty periods of up to 25 years and includes guaranteed light levels, parts, labor, lamp replacements, energy usage, monitoring and control services, spill light control, and structural integrity. The manufacturer should have financial reserves to assure fulfillment of the warranty for the full term. It is highly recommended you insist on these all-inclusive warranties to limit your school's future exposure to escalating costs and maintenance hassles.

PART 2 – PRODUCT

2.1 LIGHTING SYSTEM CONSTRUCTION

A lighting system should consist of lighting, electrical, and structural components designed to work together as a system that is durable and provides safety features.

A. Outdoor lighting systems should consist of the following:

1. Galvanized steel poles and crossarm assembly. Wood poles or direct burial steel poles are not recommended.
2. Pre-stressed concrete base embedded in concrete backfill or a poured-in-place foundation containing reinforcing steel cured a minimum of 28 days before any stress load is applied.
3. All luminaires shall be constructed with a die-cast aluminum housing or external hail shroud to protect the luminaire reflector system.
4. All ballasts and supporting electrical equipment shall be mounted remotely in an aluminum enclosure approximately 10' above grade. The enclosures shall include ballast, capacitor, and fusing for each luminaire. Safety disconnect per circuit for each pole structure will be located in the enclosure.
5. Wire harness complete with an abrasion protection sleeve, strain relief, and plug-in connections for fast, trouble-free installation.

B. Interior sports-lighting systems should consist of the following:

1. All luminaires shall consist of a lamp, lamp socket, reflector, lens, lamp cone, reinforcing retaining ring, and wire frame to mount glare reduction visor.
2. All ballasts and supporting electrical equipment shall be mounted remotely in aluminum enclosures located in an easily accessible area but away from the playing area due to heat considerations. The enclosures shall include ballast, capacitor, and fusing for each luminaire. Safety disconnect per circuit for each pole structure will be located in the enclosure.

C. Manufacturing Requirements

All components should be designed and manufactured as a system. All luminaires, wire harnesses (if provided), and ballast and other enclosures should be factory assembled, aimed, wired, and tested for reduced installation time and trouble-free operation.

D. Durability

All exposed components shall be constructed of corrosion-resistant material and/or coated to help prevent corrosion. All exposed steel shall be hot-dip galvanized per ASTM A123. All exposed hardware and fasteners shall be stainless steel of at least 18-8 grade, passivated and polymer coated to prevent possible galvanic corrosion to adjoining metals. All exposed aluminum shall be powder coated with high performance polyester. All exterior reflective inserts shall be anodized, coated with a clear, high-gloss, durable fluorocarbon, and protected from direct environmental exposure to prevent reflective degradation or corrosion. All wiring shall be enclosed within the crossarms, conduit, pole, or electrical components enclosure.

E. Lightning Protection:

All outdoor structures shall be equipped with lightning protection meeting NFPA 780 standards.

F. Safety

All system components shall be UL Listed for the appropriate application.

G. Maximum total voltage drop

Voltage drop to the disconnect switch located on the poles shall not exceed three (3) percent of the rated voltage per IESNA RP-6-01, Annex D.

2.2 STRUCTURAL PARAMETERS

A. Location

Poles shall be located as shown on the drawings in the appendix to these standards. Whenever possible, poles should be located outside of fences to avoid causing an obstruction or safety hazard to the participants.

B. Foundation Strength

Project-specific foundation drawings stamped by a registered Georgia structural engineer shall be provided illustrating that the foundation design is adequate to withstand the forces imposed from the pole, fixtures, and other attachments to prevent the structure from leaning.

C. Support Structure Wind Load Strength

Poles and other support structures, brackets, arms, bases, anchorages, and foundations shall be determined based on the 50-year mean recurrent isotach wind maps for the appropriate county per the Georgia State Building Code. Luminaire, visor, and crossarm shall withstand 150 mph winds and maintain luminaire aiming alignment.

D. Structural Design

The stress analysis and safety factor of the poles shall conform to AASHTO Standard Specifications for Structural Supports for Highway Signs, Luminaires, and Traffic Signals.

E. Soil Conditions

The design criteria for these specifications are based on soil design parameters as outlined in the geotechnical report. If a geotechnical report is not provided by the school, the foundation design shall be based on soils that meet or exceed those of a Class 5 material as defined by 2001 IBC, Table 1804.2-I-A.

PART 3 – EXECUTION

3.1 FIELD QUALITY CONTROL

A. Illumination Measurements

Upon substantial completion of the project and in the presence of the Contractor, Project Engineer, School's Representative, and Manufacturer's Representative, illumination measurements shall be taken and verified. The illumination measurements shall be conducted in accordance with IESNA RP-6-01, Annex B.

B. Correcting Non-Conformance

If, in the opinion of the Owner or his appointed Representative, the actual performance levels including footcandles, uniformity ratios, and maximum kilowatt consumptions are not in conformance with the requirements of the performance specifications and submitted information, the Manufacturer shall be liable to any or all of the following:

1. Manufacturer shall at his expense provide and install any necessary additional fixtures to meet the minimum lighting standards. The Manufacturer shall also either replace the existing poles to meet the new wind load EPA (effective projection area) requirements or verify by certification by a licensed structural engineer that the existing poles will withstand the additional wind load.

2. Manufacturer shall minimize the Owner's additional long-term fixture maintenance and energy consumption costs created by the additional fixtures by reimbursing the Owner the amount of \$1,000.00 (one thousand dollars) for each additional fixture required.
3. Manufacturer shall remove the entire unacceptable lighting system and install a new lighting system to meet the specifications.

C. Performance Audits

Audits should be performed annually prior to the start of a season on light levels, lamps, lenses, conduit, pole, fuses, ballasts, grounding connections, and breaker boxes to ensure integrity and performance of the system. (Refer to the Maintenance Checklist and the Lighting Performance sections provided in the Appendix)

D. Group Relamping

Group relamping should occur according to the manufacturer's recommended time frame such that the required maintained average light level is sustained.

II. Desirable Features

The following practices are recommended for increasing the lighting system performance.

4.1 TV Quality Lighting

Lighting for televised events involves other considerations in addition to spectators and participants. It is recommended that schools wishing to light facilities for television broadcasts use consultants and lighting manufacturers with experience and knowledge in that area.

NOTE: For facilities that plan on hosting televised events, the facility should be lit according to the NCAA lighting standards for television broadcasts. To access these standards online, go to <http://www.ncaa.org>, then use the site's search feature to search for "Best Lighting Practices."

4.2 Controls and Monitoring System

A remote controls and monitoring system will provide ease of operation and management for your facility. Manufacturers providing systems with a 25-year warranty will utilize this system to ensure your lighting performs as required.

A. Remote Monitoring

System shall monitor lighting performance and notify manufacturer if individual luminaire outage is detected so that appropriate maintenance can be scheduled. The manufacturer shall notify the owner of outages within 24 hours, or the next business day. The controller shall determine switch position (Manual or Auto) and contactor status (open or closed).

B. Remote Lighting Control

System shall allow owner and users with a security code to schedule on/off system operation via a web site, phone, fax, or email up to 10 years in advance. Manufacturer shall provide and maintain a two-way TCP/IP communication link. Trained staff shall be available 24/7 to provide scheduling support and assist with reporting needs.

The owner may assign various security levels to schedulers by function and/or fields. This function must be flexible to allow a range of privileges, such as full scheduling capabilities for all fields, to only having permission to execute "early off" commands by phone.

Control unit shall accept and store 7-day schedules, be protected against memory loss during power outages, and shall reboot once power is regained and execute any commands that would have occurred during outage.

C. Management Tools

Manufacturer shall provide a web-based database of actual field usage and provide reports by facility and user group.

D. Communication Costs

Manufacturer shall include communication costs for operating the controls and monitoring system for a period of 25 years.

E. Cabinet Construction

Controls and Monitoring Cabinet shall be constructed of aluminum and rated NEMA Type 4. Cabinet shall contain custom-configured contactor modules for 30, 60, and 100 amps, labeled to match field diagrams and electrical design. Manual Off-On-Auto selector switches shall be provided.

4.3 Auxiliary Brackets

Sports-lighting manufacturers can provide accommodations for mounting auxiliary equipment such as speakers on sports-lighting poles. This ensures poles will be sized to accommodate the weight, dimensions, and EPA of the additional equipment. Brackets shall be welded to the pole prior to hot-dip galvanizing, with a covered hand hole access and internal wiring in the pole.

4.4 Scoreboards

Incorporating scoreboards onto the lighting poles can provide additional cost savings over installing separate structures. Lighting manufacturers can assist in providing a method for attaching a scoreboard appropriate for the sport.

4.5 Field Perimeter Lighting

The parking areas, major areas utilized for passage, and areas immediately bordering the facilities should be lighted to an average of approximately 2 footcandles. Care should be taken to eliminate darkly shadowed areas.

4.6 Emergency Lighting for Spectator Seating Area

Consideration should be given to providing emergency lighting for spectator seating areas in case of loss of power at indoor and outdoor facilities. Refer to local building codes for specific requirements as they apply to athletic facilities.

For additional assistance in planning and installing lighting,
contact the Executive Director at the GHSA office at:

PO Box 271
151 South Bethel Street
Thomaston, GA 30286
Phone: 706/647-7473
Fax: 706/647-2638

LIFE-CYCLE OPERATING COST EVALUATION

This form will assist you in comparing 25-year life-cycle operating costs from multiple manufacturers. Bid proposals will be evaluated based upon compliance with the specifications, contract price and the following life-cycle operating cost evaluation.

BID ALTERNATE A:

A.	Energy consumption ____ Number of luminaires x ____ kW demand per luminaire x ____ kW rate x ____ annual usage hours x 25 years		
B.	Demand charges, if applicable ____ demand rate x ____ max kW consumption x ____ 12 months x 25 years	+	
C.	Spot relamping and maintenance over 25 years Assume ____ repairs at \$ ____ each if not included	+	
D.	Group relamps during 25 years ____ annual usage hours x 25 years / <u>lamp replacement hours</u> x \$125 lamp & labor x number of fixtures	+	
E.	Extra energy used without control system ____% x Energy Consumption in item A.	+	
F.	Extra labor without control system \$ ____ per hour x ____ hours per on/off cycle x ____ cycles over 25 years	+	
G.	TOTAL 25-Year Life Cycle Operating Cost		

BID ALTERNATE B:

A.	Energy consumption ____ Number of luminaires x ____ kW demand per luminaire x ____ kW rate x ____ annual usage hours x 25 years		
B.	Demand charges, if applicable ____ demand rate x ____ max kW consumption x ____ 12 months x 25 years	+	
C.	Spot relamping and maintenance over 25 years Assume ____ repairs at \$ ____ each if not included	+	
D.	Group relamps during 25 years ____ annual usage hours x 25 years / <u>lamp replacement hours</u> x \$125 lamp & labor x number of fixtures	+	
E.	Extra energy used without control system ____% x Energy Consumption in item A.	+	
F.	Extra labor without control system \$ ____ per hour x ____ hours per on/off cycle x ____ cycles over 25 years	+	
G.	TOTAL 25-Year Life Cycle Operating Cost		

SUBMITTAL INFORMATION
Design Submittal Data Checklist and Certification

This form will assist you in comparing proposals from various lighting manufacturers. All items listed below are mandatory, shall comply with the specification, and must be submitted according to your pre-bid submittal requirements.

Included	Tab	Item	Description
	A	Letter/Checklist	Listing of all information being submitted must be included on the table of contents. List the name of the manufacturer's local representative and his/her phone number. Signed submittal checklist to be included.
	B	On-Field Lighting Design	Lighting design drawing(s) showing: a. Field Name, date, file number, prepared by, and other pertinent data b. Outline of field(s) being lighted, as well as pole locations referenced to the center of the field (x & y), or home plate for baseball/softball fields. Illuminance levels at grid spacing specified c. Pole height, number of fixtures per pole, as well as luminaire information including wattage, lumens and optics d. Height of meter above field surface e. Summary table showing the number and spacing of grid points; average, minimum and maximum illuminance levels in foot candles (fc); uniformity including maximum to minimum ratio, coefficient of variance and uniformity gradient; number of luminaires, total kilowatts, average tilt factor; light loss factor. f. Manufacturers shall provide constant light level or provide both initial and maintained light scans using a maximum 0.70 Light Loss Factor to calculate maintained values.
	C	Off-Field Lighting Design	Lighting design drawings showing spill light levels in footcandles as specified.
	D	Life-Cycle Cost calculation	Document life-cycle cost calculations as defined on the Life-Cycle Operating Cost Evaluation. Identify energy costs for operating the luminaires, maintenance cost for the system including spot lamp replacement, and group relamping costs. All costs should be based on 25 Years.
	E	Luminaire Aiming Summary	Document showing each luminaire's aiming angle and the poles on which the luminaires are mounted. Each aiming point shall identify the type of luminaire.
	F	Structural Calculations (if required)	Pole structural calculations and foundation design showing foundation shape, depth backfill requirements, rebar, and anchor bolts (if required). Pole base reaction forces shall be shown on the foundation drawing along with soil bearing pressures. Design must be stamped by a structural engineer in the state of Georgia.
	G	Control and Monitoring	Manufacturer shall provide written definition and schematics for automated control system to include monitoring. They will also provide examples of system reporting and access for numbers for personal contact to operate the system.
	H	Electrical distribution plans	If bidding an alternate system, manufacturer must include a revised electrical distribution plan, including changes to service entrance, panels, and wire sizing, signed by a licensed Electrical Engineer in the state of Georgia.
	I	Performance Guarantee	Provide performance guarantee, including a written commitment to undertake all corrections required to meet the performance requirements noted in these specifications at no expense to the owner. Light levels must be guaranteed per the number of years specified.
	J	Warranty	Provide written warranty information including all terms and conditions.
	K	Project References	Manufacturer to provide a list of project references of similar products completed within the past three years.
	L	Product Information	Complete set of product brochures for all components, including a complete parts list and UL Listings.
	M	Non-Compliance	Manufacturer shall list all items that do not comply with the specifications.
	N	Compliance	Manufacturer shall sign off that all requirements of the specifications have been met, and that the manufacturer will be responsible for any future costs incurred to bring their equipment into compliance for all items not meeting specifications and not listed in item N – Non-Compliance.

Manufacturer: _____

Signature: _____

Contact Name: _____

Date: ____/____/____

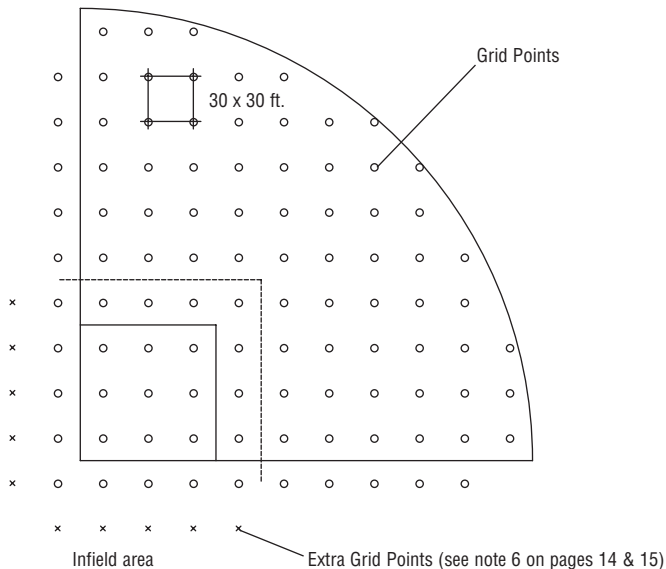
APPENDIX

Field Dimensions, Grid Spacing, and Grid Points of Typical Facilities

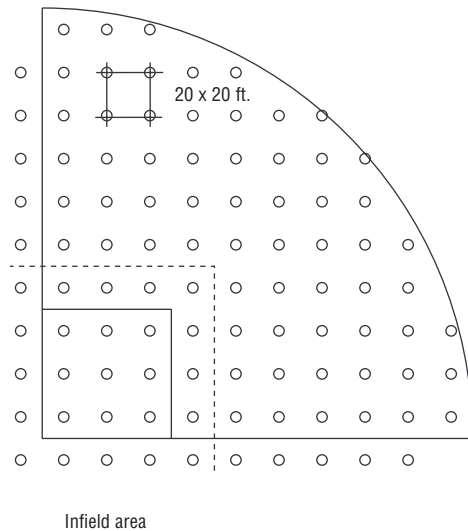
Typical Facilities			
Area of Lighting	Playing Dimensions (feet)	Grid Spacing (feet)	Minimum # of Grids
Baseball, Infield	90' x 90'	30' x 30'	25
Baseball, Outfield	Dimensions Vary	30' x 30'	Varies
Softball, Infield	60' x 60'	20' x 20'	25
Softball, Outfield	Dimensions Vary	20' x 20'	Varies
Football	360' x 160'	30' x 30'	72
Soccer	360' x 180'	30' x 30'	72
Lacrosse	330' x 180'	30' x 30'	66
Field Hockey	300' x 180'	30' x 30'	60
Rugby	330' x 180'	30' x 30'	66
Tennis	78' x 36'	20' x 20'	15
Gymnasiums	94' x 50'	10' x 10'	50
Track and Field	Dimensions Vary	30' x 30'	Varies

Light Level Grid Point Layouts

Baseball
300' radius field shown

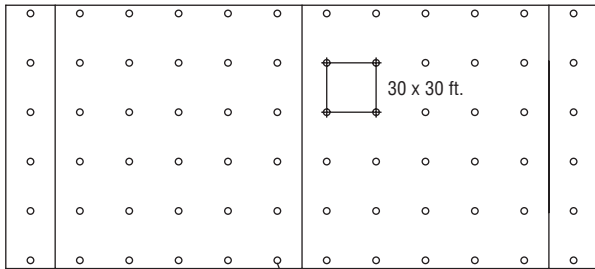


Softball
200' radius field shown



Football

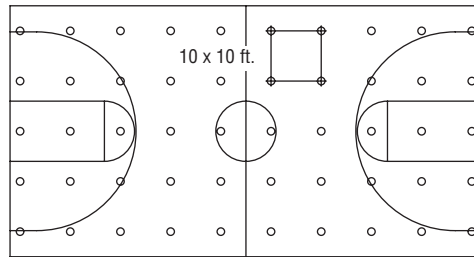
360' x 160' field shown



Grid Points

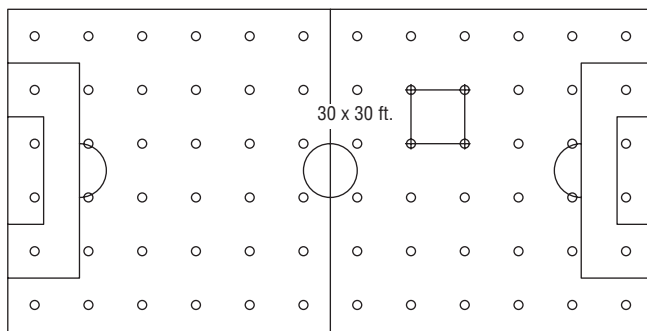
Gymnasium

94' x 50' court shown



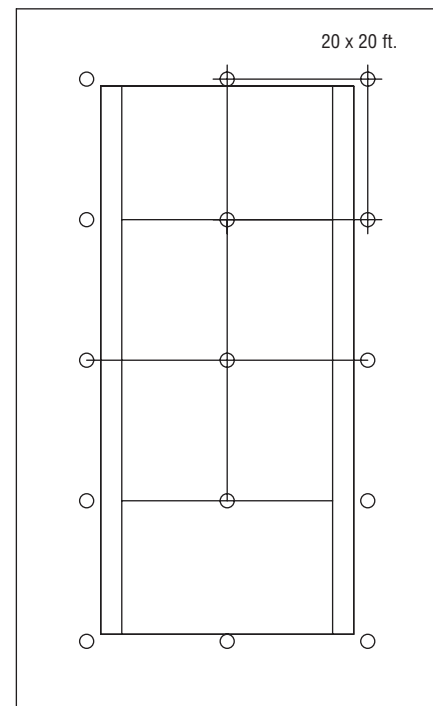
Soccer

360' x 180' field shown



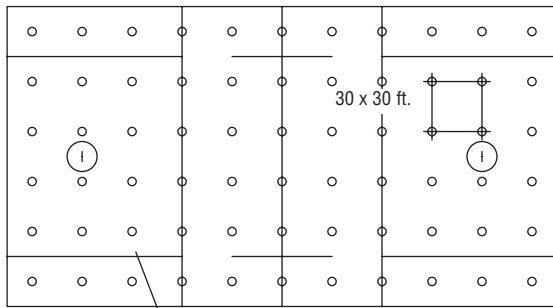
Tennis

78' x 36' court shown



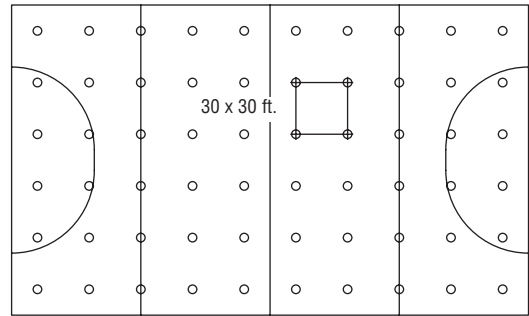
Lacrosse

330' x 180' field shown



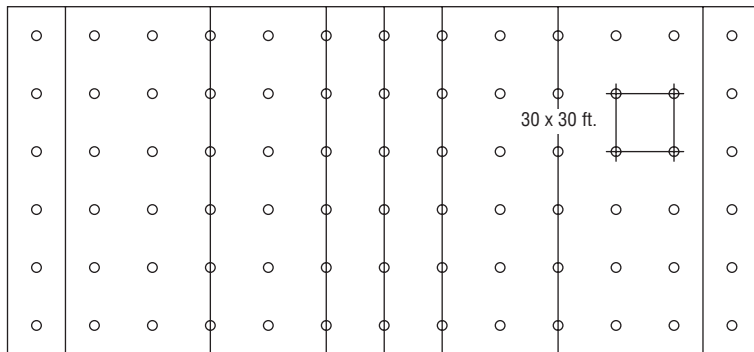
Field Hockey

300' x 180' field shown



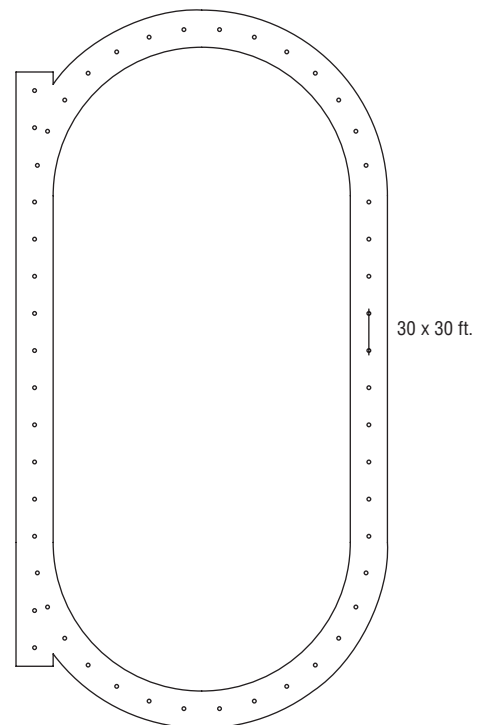
Rugby

330' x 180' field shown (not including end zones)

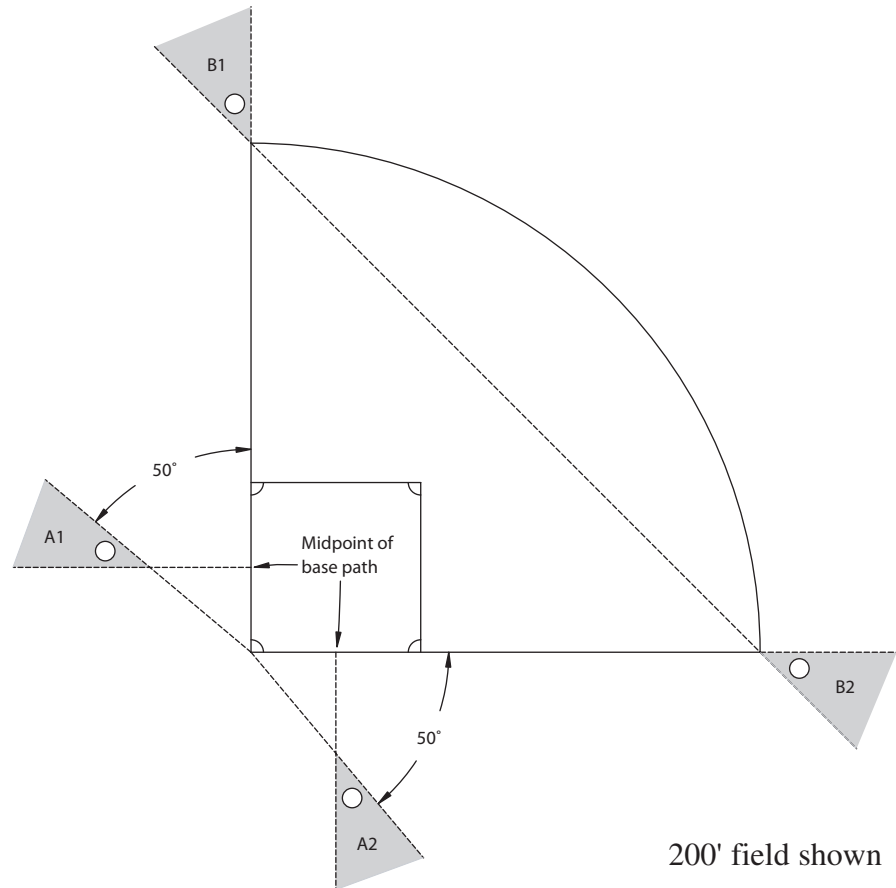


Track

400 meter, 8 lane track shown



Pole Location Diagrams

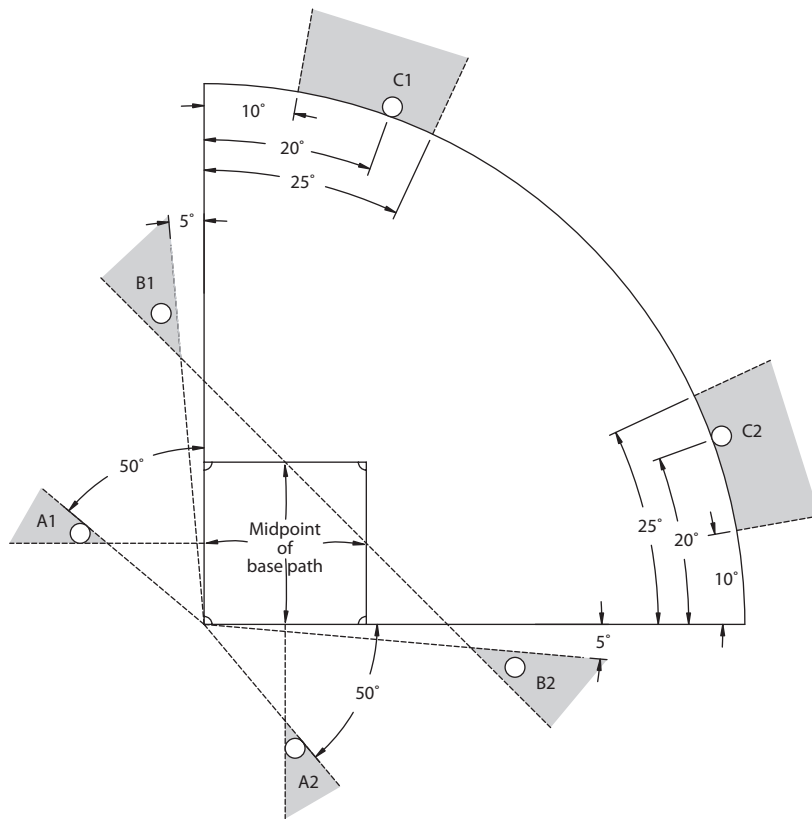


4-Pole Softball Field

1. Poles are shown in optimal locations. Other permissible pole locations are indicated by the shaded areas.
2. For fields with a radius of 250 feet or greater, a 6-pole design is recommended.
3. Line drawn through the two “A” pole locations should be behind home plate to ensure lighting the portion of the ball the batter sees as it crosses home plate.
4. Vertical aiming angle should be 25 degrees minimum on fixtures aimed to the infield and 21 degrees minimum on fixtures aimed to the outfield. The angles are measured from below a horizontal plane at fixture height.

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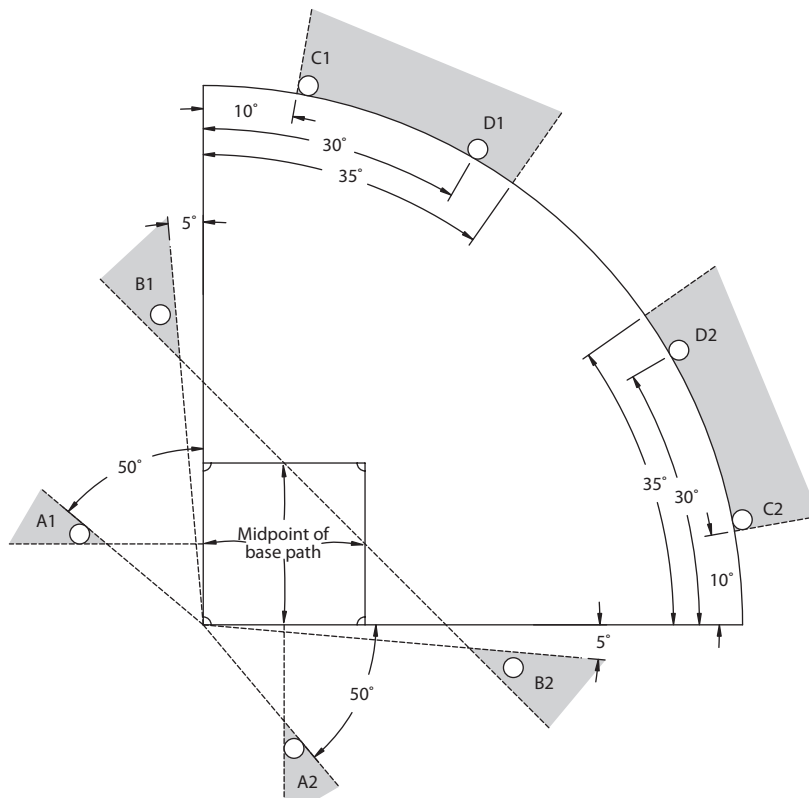
IES standards have not addressed issues for 4-pole design on softball fields. Design criteria are based upon actual practices used on 250' and smaller fields and standards adopted by Little League Baseball® and ASA Softball based upon testing done on their facilities.



300' field shown

6-Pole Baseball/Softball Field

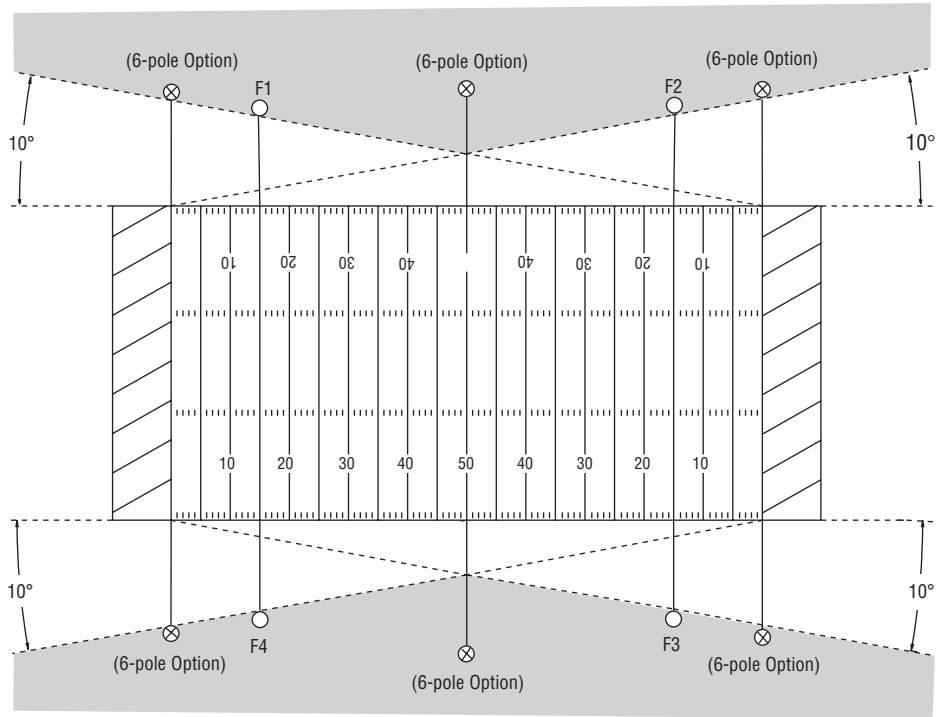
1. Poles are shown in optimal locations. Other permissible pole locations are indicated by the shaded areas.
2. For fields with a radius of 320 feet or greater, an 8-pole design is recommended.
3. Line drawn through the two “A” pole locations should be behind home plate to ensure lighting the portion of the ball the batter sees as it crosses home plate.
4. Consideration should be given to locating “B” poles further toward the outfield locations. This positioning towards the outfield foul pole allows the ball to be lighted in a more constant perpendicular illuminance as it travels from the infield to the outfield.
5. Vertical aiming angle should be 25 degrees minimum on fixtures aimed to the infield, and 21 degrees minimum on fixtures aimed to the outfield. The angles are measured from below a horizontal plane at fixture height.
6. If the distance between home plate and the backstop is greater than 40 feet, an additional grid should be created to include 10 additional grid points. The average light level for this additional grid should meet or exceed the design criteria for the outfield points.



325' field shown

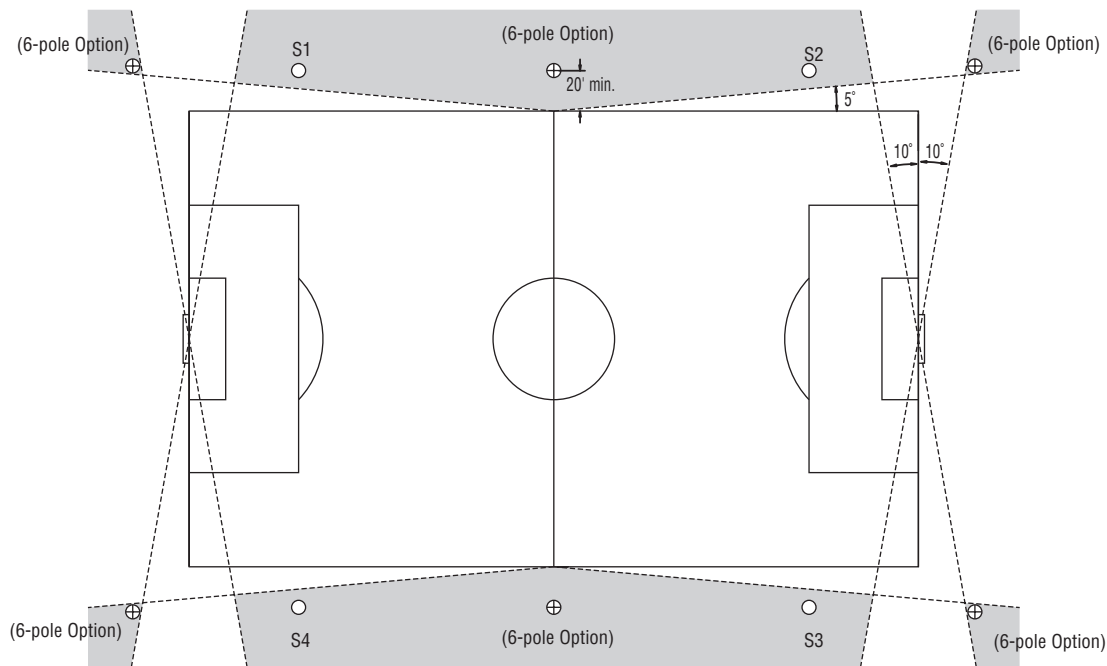
8-Pole Baseball/Softball Field

1. Poles are shown in optimal locations. Other permissible pole locations are indicated by the shaded areas.
2. Line drawn through the two “A” pole locations should be behind home plate to ensure lighting the portion of the ball the batter sees as it crosses home plate.
3. Consideration should be given to locating “B” poles further towards outfield locations. This positioning towards the outfield foul pole allows the ball to be lighted in a more constant perpendicular illuminance as it travels from the infield to the outfield.
4. “B” poles may be located 10 feet closer to the infield as long as they maintain a position outside the 5-degree arc. The shaded area is preferable.
5. Vertical aiming angle should be 25 degrees minimum on fixture aimed to the infield, and 21 degrees minimum on fixtures aimed to the outfield. The angles are measured from below a horizontal plane at fixture height.
6. If the distance between home plate and the backstop is greater than 40 feet, an additional grid should be created to include 10 additional grid points. The average light level for this additional grid should meet or exceed the design criteria for the outfield points.



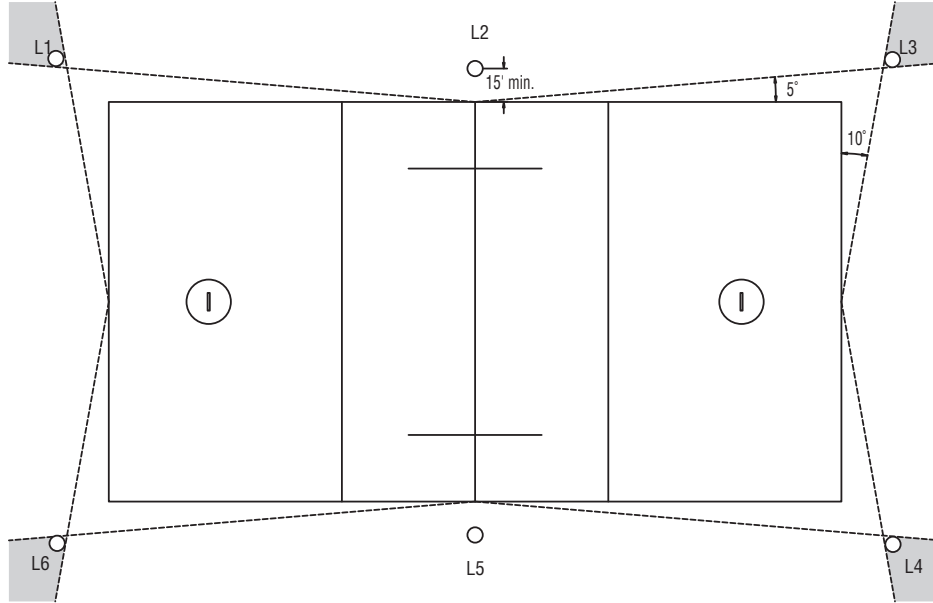
Football Field

1. Poles are shown in optimal locations. Other permissible pole locations are indicated by the shaded areas. All poles should be at least 30 feet from the sideline.
2. On a 4-pole design, the optimum location is on the 15 yard line.
3. For the 6-pole option, the setback of middle poles will depend on the presence of bleachers. The optimum location for the corner poles is between the goal line and the corner of the field.
4. Poles should be positioned so as not to pose a potential injury hazard.
5. Vertical aiming angle should be 21 degrees minimum. The angles are measured from below a horizontal plane at fixture height.



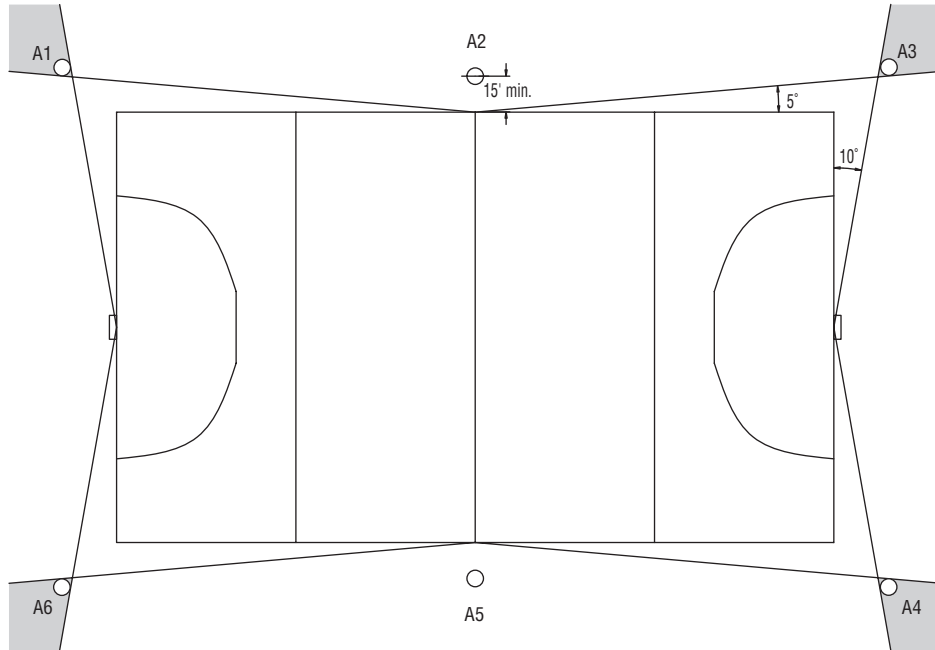
Soccer Field

1. Poles are shown in optimal locations. Other permissible pole locations are indicated by the shaded areas. All poles should be at least 20 feet from the sideline.
2. On a 4-pole design, the optimum pole locations are (.35 x field length) from center of field.
3. In general, football lighting standards apply to soccer with the following considerations:
 - a. A corner kick is a specific visual task and general consideration should be given to facility design specifically for soccer.
 - b. The corner grid point shall be lit to no less than 90% of the average light level.
4. For combination football and soccer facilities, soccer should take precedence.
5. Vertical aiming angles should be 21 degrees minimum. The angles are measured from below a horizontal plane at fixture height.



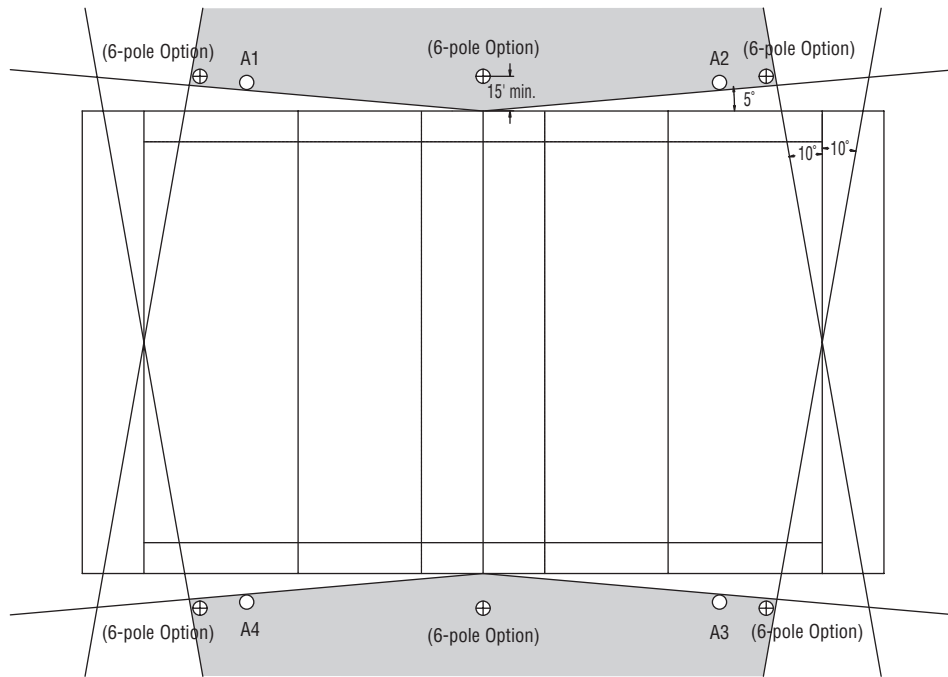
Lacrosse Field

1. Poles are shown in optimal locations. Other permissible pole locations are indicated by the shaded areas. All poles should be at least 15 feet from the sideline.
2. Vertical aiming angle should be 21 degrees minimum. The angles are measured from below a horizontal plane at fixture height.
3. A 4-pole design utilizing corner location is permissible providing minimum aiming angles can be achieved.



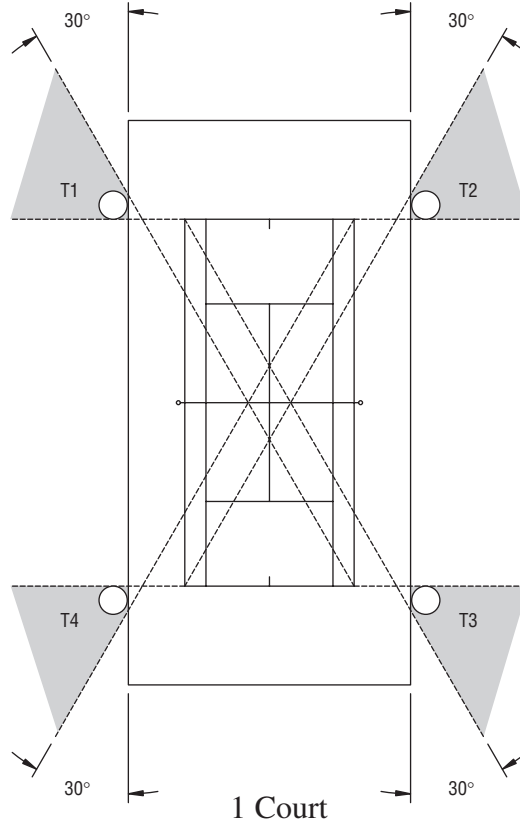
Field Hockey Field

1. Poles are shown in optimal locations. Other permissible pole locations are indicated by the shaded areas. All poles should be at least 15 feet from the sideline.
2. Vertical aiming angle should be 21 degrees minimum. The angles are measured from below a horizontal plane at fixture height.
3. A 4-pole design utilizing corner location is permissible providing minimum aiming angles can be achieved.



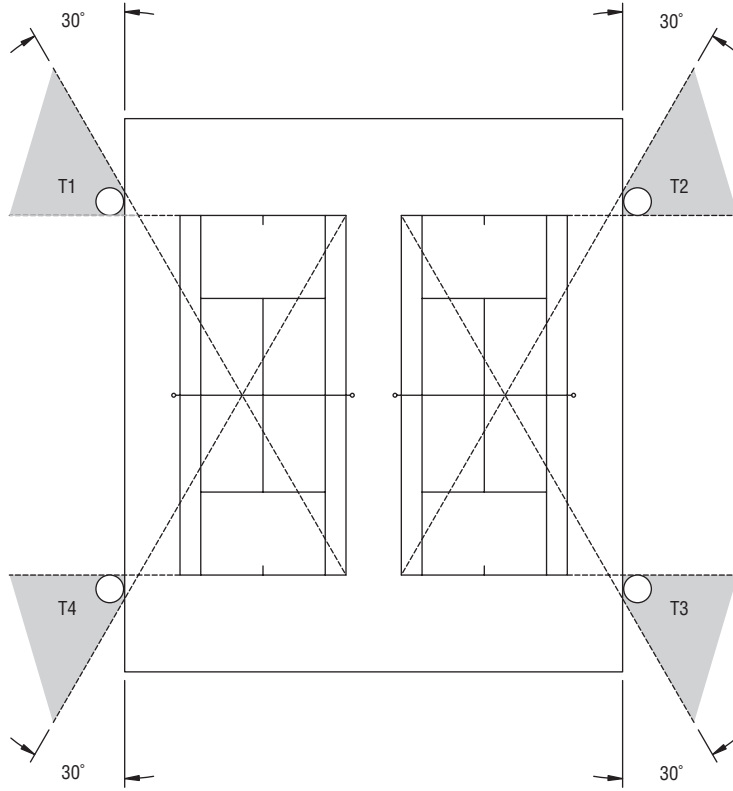
Rugby Field

1. Poles are shown in optimal locations. Other permissible pole locations are indicated by the shaded areas. All poles should be at least 15 feet from the sideline.
2. On a 4-pole design, the optimum pole locations are (.35 x field length) from center of field.
3. Poles should be positioned so as not to pose a potential injury hazard.
4. Vertical aiming angle should be 21 degrees minimum. The angles are measured from below a horizontal plane at fixture height.

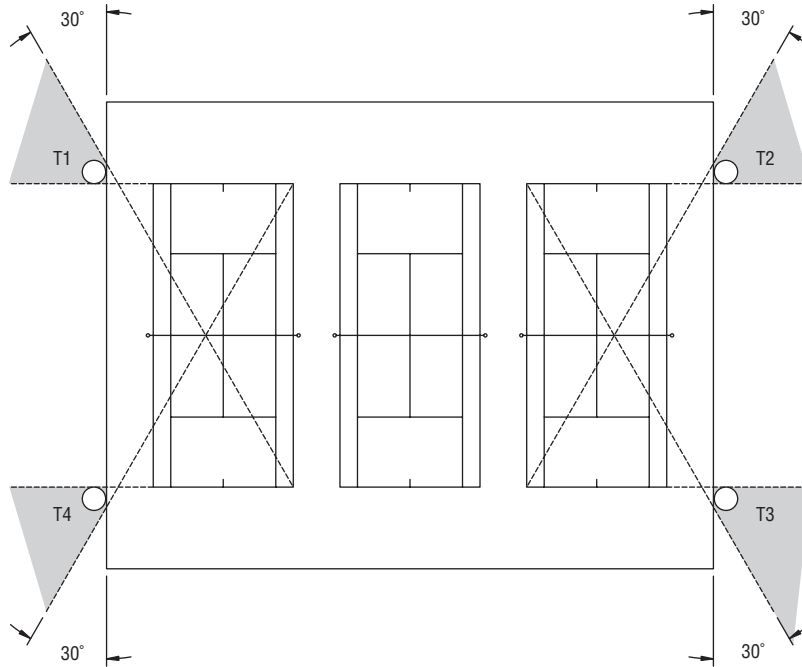


Tennis Courts

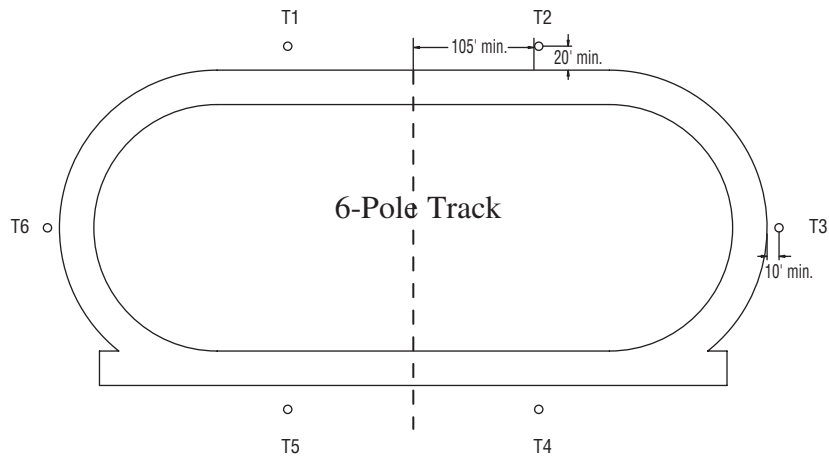
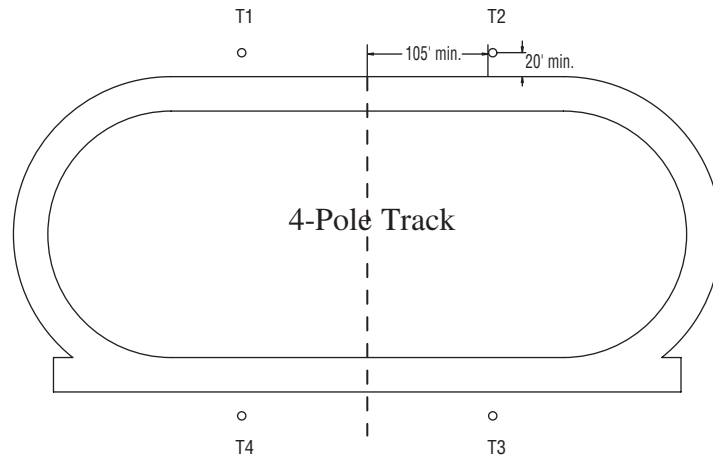
1. Poles are shown in optimal locations. Other permissible pole locations are indicated by the shaded areas.
2. It is not generally recommended to use a 6-pole layout with poles located at net lines. This position may be directly in the server's sight line with toss when the ball is served.
3. Vertical aiming angles should be 25 degrees minimum. The angles are measured from below a horizontal plane at fixture height.



2 Courts



3 Courts



400 Meter, 8 Lane Track

1. These pole locations are for typical stand-alone tracks.
2. For tracks built in conjunction with a football or soccer field, use the standard pole locations on the football design (page 16) or soccer design (page 17).
3. Vertical aiming angles should be 21 degrees minimum. The angles are measured from below a horizontal plane at fixture height.

ANNUAL SYSTEM OPERATION & MAINTENANCE CHECKLIST

School Name _____ Field Name _____

Date of Inspection _____ Voltage/Phase _____ Date Installed _____

Type of Pole _____ Type/# of Luminaires _____

Inspected By _____ Contact Number _____

Needs
OK Repair Notes:

WARNING!! Turn off electricity at power source and at safety disconnect on the pole.

Lighting Performance Testing			
Use test forms for appropriate sport following this checklist			
• Average footcandles meet guidelines			
• Average uniformity meets guidelines			
Service Entrance & Pole Distribution Boxes			
Check service panel for proper markings.			
• Emergency information should be visible.			
• Warning stickers, wiring diagrams, circuit labels and other servicing information signs should be posted and clearly legible.			
Test reset action on all service breakers.			
• Snap all breakers on and off several times to ensure firm contact.			
• If fuses are used at main service, check continuity.*			
Check the wiring.			
• Insulation around wiring should show no signs of deterioration.			
• Wiring should show no heat discoloration.			
Check all taped connections.			
• Signs of wear should be replaced.			
Make sure no live parts are exposed.			
• Bare wires and exposed connections should be wrapped with insulated covering.*			
Padlocks for service entrance & distribution boxes should be in place and operational.			
Poles			
Wood poles:			
Check to see that poles aren't leaning.			
• Leaning poles may be unsafe and replacement or re-installation and/or re-aiming may be necessary.			
Check for twisting.			
• If poles have moved, re-aiming of the fixtures may be necessary.			
Check for decay.			
• Wood poles decay from the inside out. Core testing is the best method to determine the condition and safety of the pole.			
Steel poles:			
Check baseplate for signs of deterioration.			
• Check anchor bolt for signs of corrosion.			
• Check grouting under pole to make sure proper drainage exists.			
Check for all pole access covers, replace missing covers.			
Cables and conduit:			
• Pull on conduit to check for looseness.			
• Check for loose fittings and damaged conduit.			
• All cables should be straight and properly strapped.*			
• If cables are exposed to the elements, make sure the insulation has the proper rating.*			
Check overhead wiring.			
• Wiring should be properly secured.			
• Check that new growth on tree branches and limbs won't obstruct or interfere with overhead wiring.			
Luminaires			
Check fixture housings.			
• Housings should show no sign of cracking and/or water leakage.			
Check lenses.			
• Clean lenses.			
• Replace broken lenses.			
Replace burned-out lamps.			
Check luminaire fuses.			
• Replace burned-out fuses.			
• Fuses should be the correct size.			
Insulation covering on wiring should show no signs of wear or cracking.			
Ground wire connections must be secure.			
Check around ballasts for signs of blackening.			
Check that capacitors aren't bulging.			
Check aiming alignment of all fixtures.			
• On wooden poles, see if crossarms are still aligned with the field and horizontal.			
Ground			
Check grounding connections.*			
Check nearby metal objects.			
• Make sure metal bleachers and other metal objects are located at least 6 feet from the electrical components.			
• Metal objects, such as bleachers, must have their own individual grounding system.			

* These tests and/or repairs require the services of a qualified electrician.

Lighting Performance Testing

To verify that your field meets the GHSA recommended standards, complete the performance testing information below. The inspection must be done using a light meter calibrated within the last 12 months. The light meter should be held horizontally 36 inches above the middle point of each square in the grid.

Baseball/Softball

To obtain average footcandle value:

Record light readings within each square.

$$\text{Infield} = \text{Total of infield readings} \div 25$$

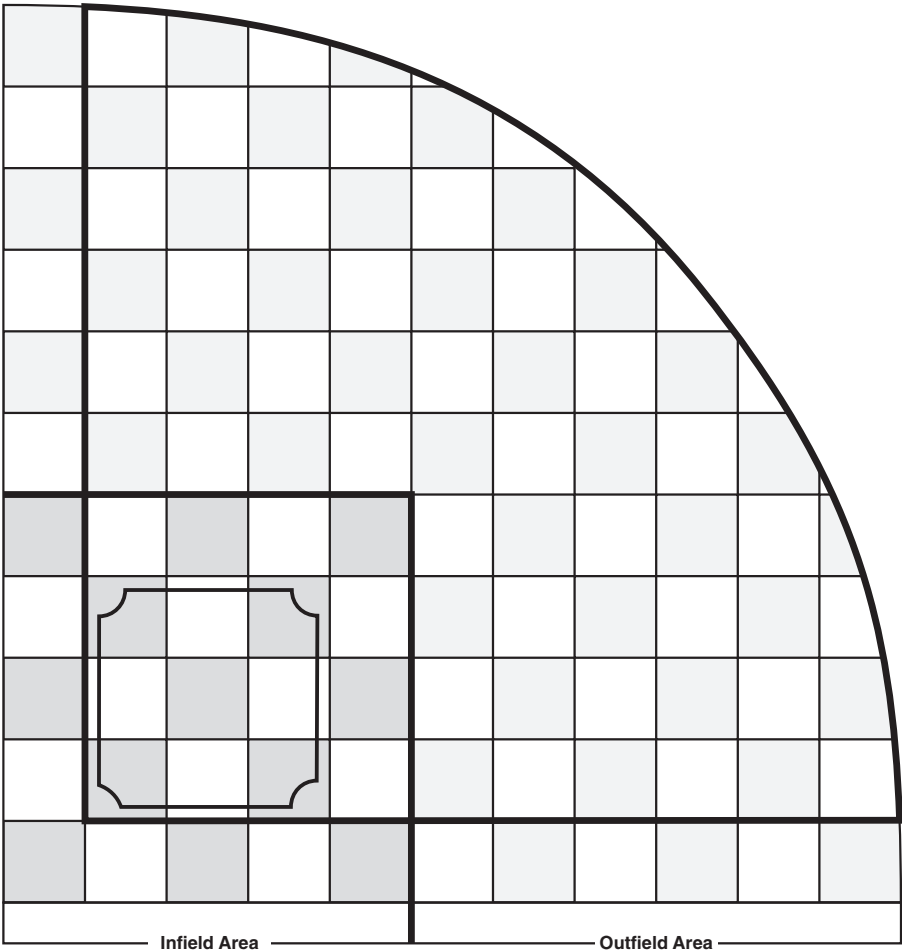
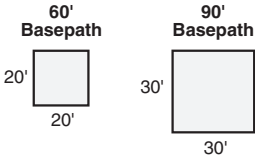
$$\text{Outfield} = \text{Total of outfield readings} \div \text{number of readings.}$$

To obtain uniformity ratio for infield or outfield:

Divide highest (maximum) light level reading by the lowest (minimum) light level reading.

For example:

$$61 \text{ footcandles} \div 31 \text{ footcandles} = 2.1$$



Football

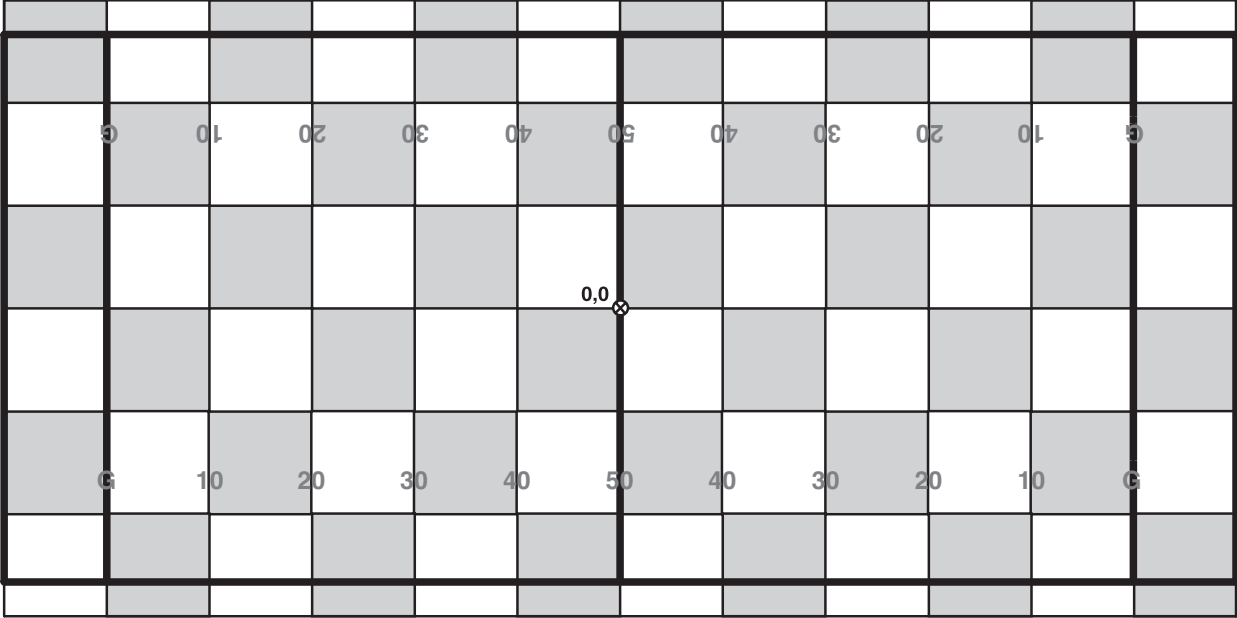
To obtain average footcandle value:

Record light readings within each square.
 Total all readings, divide by total number of readings taken.

To obtain uniformity ratio:

Divide highest (maximum) light level reading by the lowest (minimum) light level reading.

30' x 30' grid



Soccer

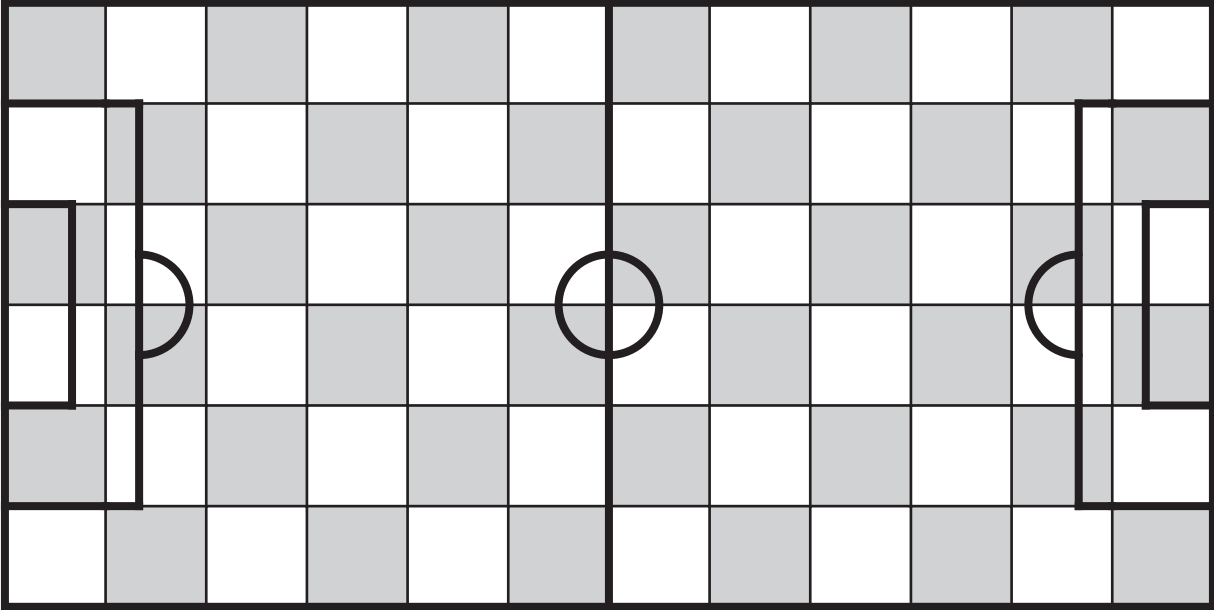
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Lacrosse

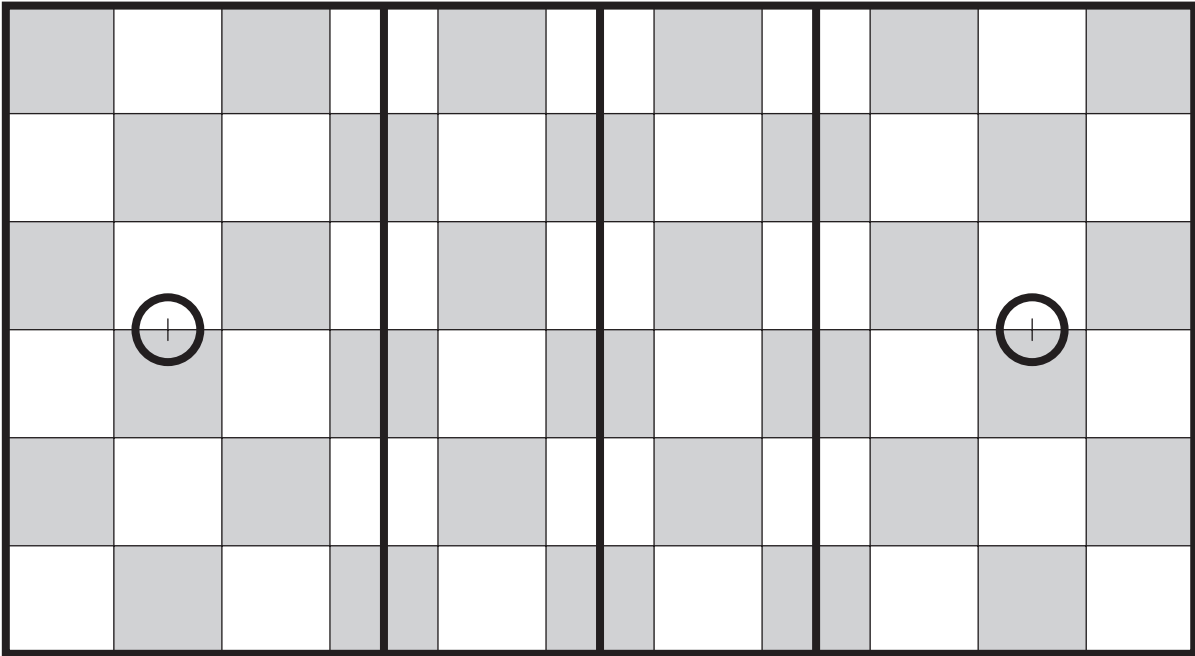
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Field Hockey

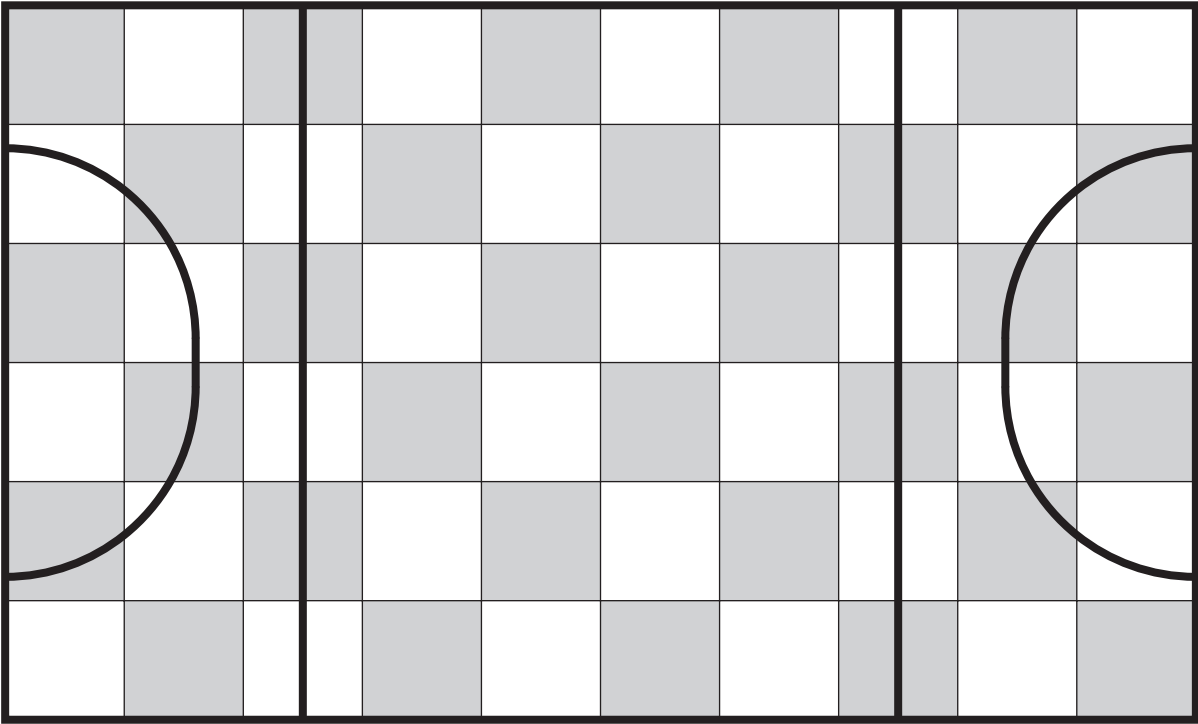
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Basketball

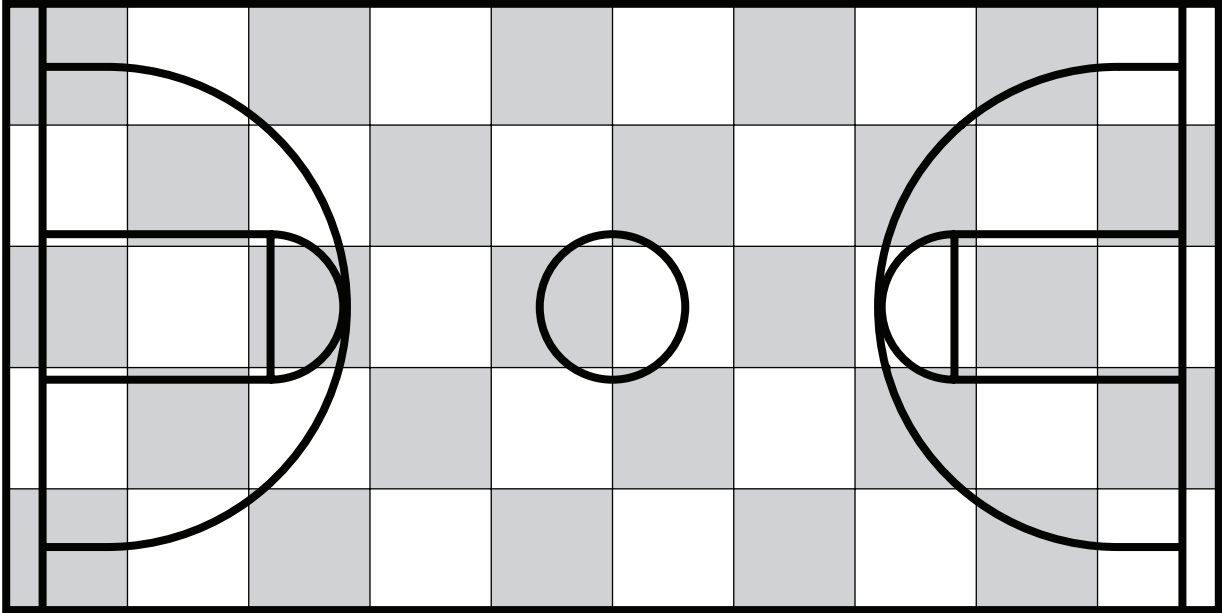
To obtain average footcandle value:

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Total all readings, divide by total number of readings taken.

To obtain uniformity ratio:

Divide highest (maximum) light level reading by the lowest (minimum) light level reading.

10' x 10' grid



Tennis

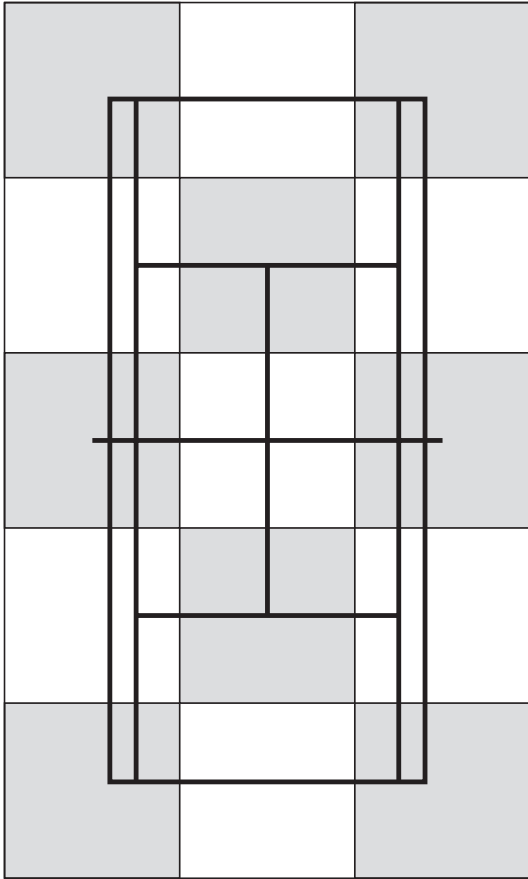
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To obtain uniformity ratio:

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20' x 20' grid



Rugby

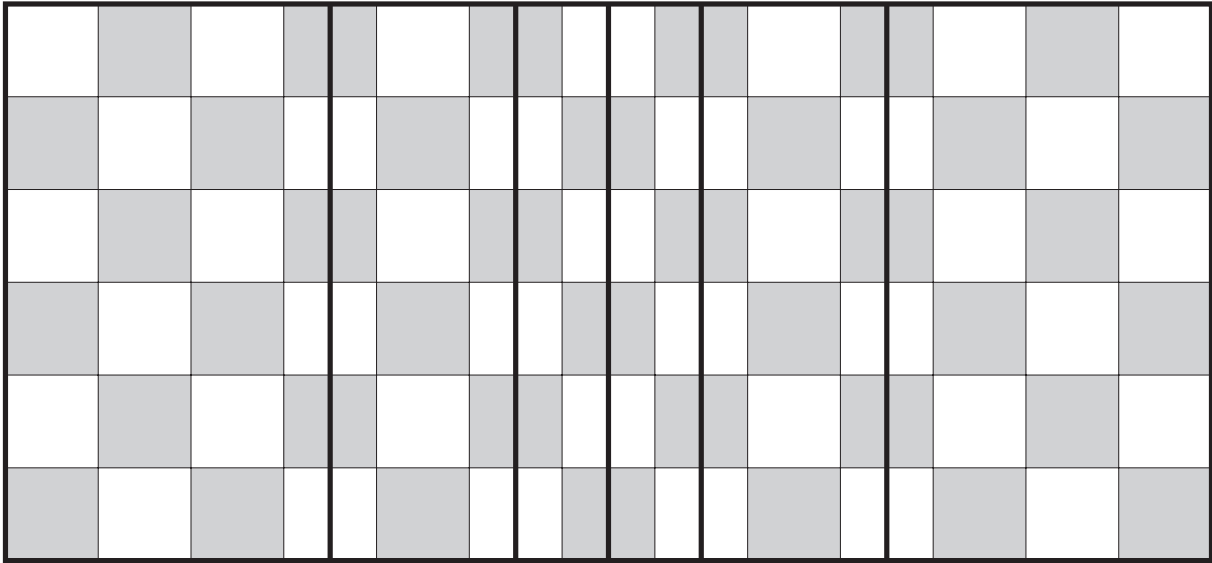
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30' x 30' grid



Track

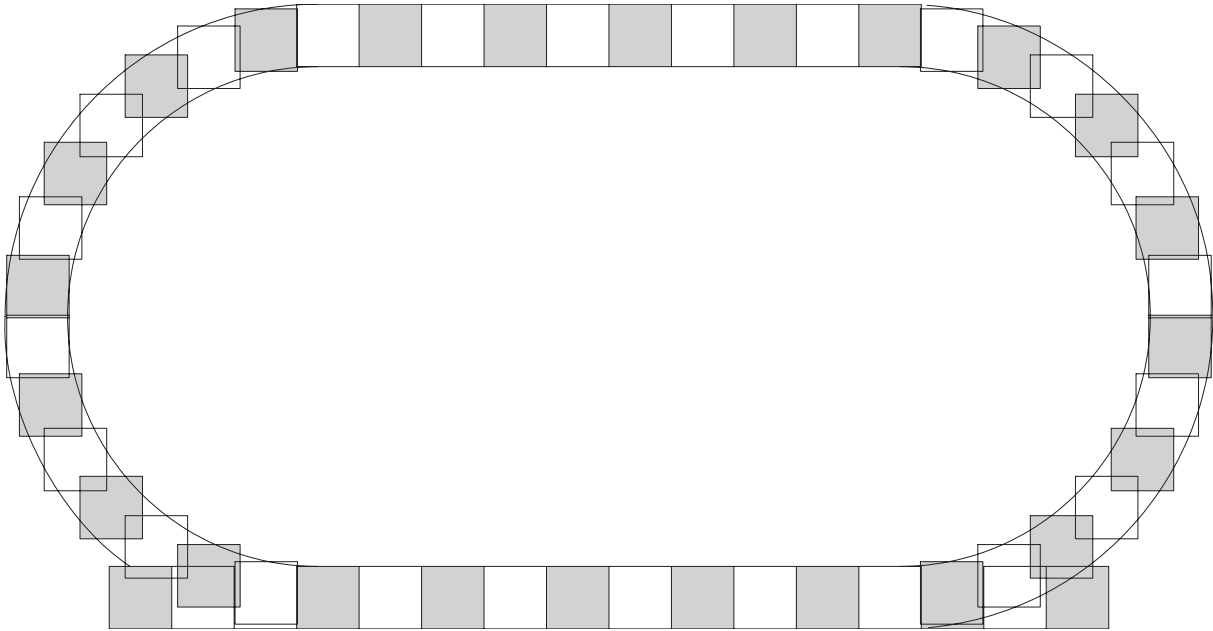
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30' x 30' grid



GLOSSARY

Aiming Angles The degrees below horizontal that light fixtures are aimed at the field. Angles are measured from a horizontal plane at fixture height. Critical in safe, playable lighting design.

Ballast A transformer that delivers the proper operating voltage for high intensity discharge type lamps including metal halide lamps.

Constant Light Levels The amount of light you can expect on the field at any given time over the life of the system.

Footcandle The measurement of light on a surface. One footcandle equals one lumen spread over one square foot.

Glare Light that interferes with the ability to see. Luminaire design, proper aiming angles, and pole locations are key to limiting glare for participants and spectators.

IESNA Illuminating Engineering Society of North America. An organization that develops recommendations for sports lighting.

Initial Light Levels The average light levels when your lamps are new. Manufacturers that do not provide constant illumination should provide scans showing what these levels will be.

Lumen A quantity measurement of light, used mostly in measuring the amount of light a lamp develops.

Metal Halide Lamp A lamp that generates light by passing electrical current through metallic gases. The first choice for sports facilities because of efficiency and color.

NEC National Electric Code. A national safety code for electrical systems that is the basis for most local codes.

NEMA Type A classification of reflectors. For example, a Nema 2 reflector gathers light in a narrow, focused beam, allowing it to be projected a long distance. A Nema 5 projects light a relatively short distance in a very wide beam. Most lighting designs use various combinations of Nema types to get the desired results.

NFPA National Fire Protection Association. An organization that establishes and publishes various codes such as the Lightning Protection Code and the National Electric Code.

Overturning Moment The amount of force applied to a lighting structure, mostly from wind. Pole foundations must be designed to withstand this force.

Reflector Key element of lighting optics. It surrounds the lamp (bulb) and directs light to the field. The efficiency of the reflector is one factor that determines how many light fixtures you have to buy and maintain.

Remote Electrical Enclosure A weatherproof enclosure that allows the electrical gear to be moved from the top of lighting structures to a lower point where it can be serviced easily.

Smoothness The change in light levels between measuring points. The less change between points, the more even the lighting. (See also Uniformity.)

Spill Light Wasted light that falls off the field or is projected into the sky. Systems that can re-direct spill light back onto the field save dollars and keep neighbors content.

Target Light Levels The lowest average amount of light for which a lighting system should operate over its extended life to ensure performance requirements. Target values should be no more than 70% of initial values to be sure that lamp depreciation has been accounted for in the design. You should receive scans showing what this level will be.

Tilt Factor Most lamps generate fewer lumens when tilted off of either a horizontal or vertical position. Your design should show actual tilt factor used in your design.

Underwriters Laboratories Independent, non-profit, product safety testing and certification organization. Visit www.ul.org for additional information.

Uniformity The smoothness of light on the field. Also called uniformity ratio. A design criteria to assure that light is distributed evenly across the entire field. A max/min ratio of 2:1 means that the brightest point is no more than double any other point.

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