



**MINIMUM REQUIREMENTS AND RECOMMENDATIONS, SOFTBALL TOURNAMENT SITES**

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| Lights  | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Tournament shall be held on a field that meets the KHSAA lighting standards for all games. By a two-thirds majority of the participating teams, a tournament may be played during the day to avoid the light requirement.</li> <li>It is required that the districts are to play games at multiple venues if in fact a suitable facility with lights and/or the ability to play multiple games on the same night is not available and the schools do not vote to play during the day.</li> <li>Tournament shall be held on field which meets the KHSAA lighting standards if tournament games are to be played at night or other times when lights are necessary.</li> </ul> | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Tournament shall be held on a field that meets the KHSAA lighting standards for all games.</li> <li>It is permissible, by majority vote of the teams, to play four games on Memorial Day as the first round of the regional tournament in years when Memorial Day occurs during the regional tournament week. Subsequently, all games must be played at a field that meets the KHSAA lighting standards.</li> <li>It is permissible, by majority vote of the teams, to play first-round games at multiple venues if a suitable facility with lights and/or the ability to play multiple games on the same night is not available. Subsequently, all games must be played at a field that meets the KHSAA lighting standards.</li> </ul> |
| Fence Distance (see note at end regarding older facilities) | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Require the minimum fence distance to all fields be 185 feet. Such linear distance can be compensated by fence height.</li> <li>Recommend the maximum fence distance to be 235 feet.</li> </ul>  | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Require the minimum fence distance to all fields be 185 feet. Such linear distance can be compensated by fence height.</li> <li>Recommend the maximum fence distance to be 235 feet.</li> </ul>   |
| Backstop (see note at end regarding older facilities)       | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Require a minimum of 20-25 feet from front of home plate to the first point of the permanent backstop</li> </ul>   | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Require a minimum of 20-25 feet from front of home plate to the first point of the permanent backstop</li> </ul>  |
| Infield Surface   | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Require that the infield surface be skinned 50-60 feet from the back of the pitcher's mound</li> </ul>   | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Require that the infield surface be skinned 50-60 feet from the back of the pitcher's mound</li> </ul>  |
| Tarp  | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Recommend ability to cover pitching mound and home plate area.</li> <li>Recommend ability to cover all dirt areas.</li> </ul>  | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Recommend ability to cover pitching mound and home plate area.</li> <li>Recommend ability to cover all dirt areas.</li> </ul>   |
| Pitching Warm-up Area                                       | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Require at least one warm-up area for each team with mound and plate at regulation height and distance</li> <li>Require that warm-up area for pitchers be protected from the playing area by being outside the fenced area or if inside fence, require protecting players and ground rule coverage for balls into the area.</li> </ul>   | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Require at least one warm-up area for each team with mound and plate at regulation height and distance</li> <li>Require that warm-up area for pitchers be protected from the playing area by being outside the fenced area or if inside fence, require protecting players and ground rule coverage for balls into the area.</li> </ul>  |
| Fence Composition   | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Recommend that all fields have a warning track of at least five feet to indicate close proximity to fence.</li> <li>Recommend that the fence be made of wood or chain link if temporary</li> <li>If outfield fence is solid wall (i.e. brick or adjacent structure), this warning track shall be required. (sand composition is recommended)</li> </ul>  | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Recommend that all fields have a warning track of at least five feet to indicate close proximity to fence.</li> <li>Recommend that the fence be made of wood or chain link if temporary</li> <li>If outfield fence is solid wall (i.e. brick or adjacent structure), this warning track shall be required. (sand composition is recommended)</li> </ul>   |
| Dugouts   | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Recommend minimum dugout seating for 24 individuals.</li> </ul>  | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Recommend minimum dugout seating for 24 individuals</li> </ul>  |
| Seating   | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>There shall be adequate seating available for attendance figures for the past five years.</li> <li>This shall require a minimum of 200 bleacher seats (temporary or permanent) between dugouts.</li> </ul>   | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>There shall be adequate seating available for attendance figures for the past five years.</li> <li>This shall require a minimum of 200 bleacher seats (temporary or permanent) between dugouts.</li> </ul>  |
| Concessions   | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>There should be a concession area available for the fans and teams.</li> </ul>   | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>There should be an enclosed concession area which can provide for the average number of fans for the prior five years.</li> </ul>   |



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| Ticketing  | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>The field shall be configured in such a way that admission can be charged and controlled.</li> <li>All tournaments shall use pre-numbered tickets, with a complete accounting available to the KHSAA and the participating teams.</li> </ul>  | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>The field shall be configured in such a way that admission can be charged and controlled.</li> <li>All tournaments shall use pre-numbered, roll tickets, with a complete accounting available to the KHSAA and the participating teams.</li> </ul>   |
| Restrooms  | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>There shall be public restroom facilities available at the site, or arrangements made to use adjacent restrooms at other school buildings or comparable facilities.</li> </ul>  | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>There shall be public restroom facilities available at the site, or arrangements made to use adjacent restrooms at other school buildings or comparable facilities.</li> </ul>   |
| Officials Dressing Area  | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>There shall be a private officials' locker room, free from intrusion, and large enough for the assigned number of umpires to dress.</li> </ul>  | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>There shall be a private officials' locker room, free from intrusion, and large enough for the assigned number of umpires to dress.</li> </ul>   |
| Parking  | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>There should be adequate parking for the attendance figures as available for the past five years</li> </ul>   | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>There should be adequate parking for the attendance figures as available for the past five years</li> </ul>  |
| PA / Scoreboard  | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>There shall be a public address system available and a public address announcer who shall be approved by the tournament competitors.</li> <li>There shall be a working scoreboard to be used.</li> </ul>  | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>There shall be a public address system available and a public address announcer who shall be approved by the tournament competitors.</li> <li>There shall be a working scoreboard to be used.</li> </ul>   |
| Security, Medical Care and Escorts   | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>There shall be security provided at all postseason contests.</li> <li>A person holding administrative certification or serving as a school administrator (Superintendent, Asst. Supt., Principal, Asst. Principal, Athletic Director, etc.) shall be present at all contests to ensure that situations are properly addressed.</li> <li>Emergency medical care shall be provided at all contests. If an ambulance is not able to stay on site, it shall be on-call per notification from tournament management.</li> </ul>  | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>There shall be security provided at all postseason contests.</li> <li>A person holding administrative certification or serving as a school administrator (Superintendent, Asst. Supt., Principal, Asst. Principal, Athletic Director, etc.) shall be present at all contests to ensure that situations are properly addressed.</li> <li>Emergency medical care shall be provided at all contests. If an ambulance is not able to stay on site, it shall be on-call per notification from tournament management.</li> </ul> |
| Accessible Fans/Students Needs   | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>There shall be provisions made in all requirements, including but not limited to, parking, seating, restrooms and concessions, to accommodate any needs of fans needing accessible seating or having special accessibility needs.</li> </ul>  | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>There shall be provisions made in all requirements, including but not limited to, parking, seating, restrooms and concessions, to accommodate any needs of fans needing accessible seating or having special accessibility needs.</li> </ul>   |
| Other  | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>If there is a choice between a public and a school on-site facility, the on-site facility of the school should be utilized.</li> <li>If there is not a facility available which meets the standards, the tournament should be held at a public facility or at another school with that school giving the hosting options (parking and concession revenue) to the school which was designated as the host in exchange for expense reimbursement.</li> </ul>  | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>If there is a choice between a public and a school on-site facility, the on-site facility of the school should be utilized.</li> <li>If there is not a facility available which meets the standards, the tournament should be held at a public facility or at another school with that school giving the hosting options (parking and concession revenue) to the school which was designated as the host in exchange for expense reimbursement.</li> </ul>   |
| Special Note regarding older facilities and those without available land for expansion or renovation | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>All specifications are highly desired. However, the KHSAA staff is permitted to use its judgment in reviewing sites that were constructed prior to the adoption of these standards and is expected to make exceptions where necessary. Particularly important is the need for possible exceptions in situations where the facility is "landlocked" or otherwise limited in moving items such as the outfield fences or the backstop distances. While it is desirous of the Softball Committee to have all facilities meet all of the specifications, the Committee recognizes that some existing facilities have held successful KHSAA postseason events for many years.</li> </ul> |   |



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| Special Note regarding facility safety and competitive fairness | <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>The Committee recognizes that most high school facilities that meet these physical plant standards should be allowed to host events. However, the Committee reserves the right to recommend to the Commissioner's office that a facility that meets the published standards not be used for postseason events. Such reasons may include, but are not limited to – a history of non-compliance with KHSAA rules, an evaluation of the playing surface which yields a conclusion that the facility is either unsafe or gives one or more teams a competitive advantage, lack of ability to identify suitable individuals to perform the necessary functions of a tournament such as financial obligations and distribution, meeting and communication requirements, grounds keeping or other specific areas.</li></ul> |                      |