

Baseball is a bat-and-ball game played between two opposing teams who take turns batting and fielding.

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Element	State	Regional	Local - Category A	Local - Category B	Notes				
Baseball Australia Hierarchy	State Facilities & Key Baseball Hubs	Club Competition Facilities	Club Competition Facilities	Recreational & Shared Facilities					
Total site area	17.5 ha	12 ha	4 ha	4 ha					
PLAYING AREA									
Orientation	Home and first base running north to south, alternatively third and home base running north to south. The low angle of the late afternoon sun must not be allowed to impair the vision of the batter, the pitcher or the defensive player in that order of priority.			E	May develop additional diamonds in a clover leaf pattern.				
No. and size of playing areas	Min. 2 international standard diamonds and Min 4 adult training fields	E	2 adult diamonds and 1 little league diamond (or shared use softball diamond)	E	1 adult diamond	E	Grass area sufficiently sized to temporarily mark out a full size diamond with back-net	E	Adult - 90ft (27.4m) base paths, 60ft 6in (18.4m) pitch distance, minimum 400ft (122m) to open centrefield distance Junior League - 80ft (24.4m) base paths, 54ft (16.4) pitch distance, 300ft (91.4m) centrefield distance Little League - 60ft (18.3m) base paths, 46 ft (14m) pitch distance, 225ft (68.5m) centrefield distance U10 (rookie ball) - 60ft (18.3m) basepaths, 46ft (14m) pitch distance, 200-220ft (61m to 67m) centrefield distance U8+ (Aussie T-ball) - 60ft (18.3m) basepaths, 46ft (14m) pitch distance, 150-170ft (45.7m to 51.8m) centrefield distance
Coaches boxes (2)	Line marked areas located in foul territory, near the first and third bases			E	-	Durable aggregate surface over a three or four-inch base of crushed rock.			
Player interchange benches - dugouts (2)	Junior League - 80ft (24.4m) base paths, 54ft (16.4) pitch distance, 300ft (91.4m) centrefield distance 5m long x 1.2m wide (Accommodate 8 people)			E	-	Permanent, heavy duty, vandal resistant structures that have three fixed sides to provide shelter and UV protection, form part of the boundary fence and seat club officials and interchange players. Ideally the facilities should not impede viewing of the ground and have side panels and back panels to allow for ventilation. Metal bench seating should be fixed within the shelter on a concrete pad.			

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Foul ball poles	Minimum 13.7m high with a vertical screen on the fair territory side	E	Minimum 6.1m		E	-		Located on the extended foul lines. The poles and screens are usually painted yellow or orange.	
Pitcher's mound	0.25m h x 5.47m circle area with a level top 1.5m by 0.61m with pitcher's rubber installed firmly				E	Temporary mound	E		
Batter's eye	30m wide and 7m high situated in straightaway centre field	E	30m wide and 7m high situated in straightaway centre field	NE	-			A dark visual backdrop behind centre field to help the batter see the approaching pitched ball for the batter's safety. Only required to be installed on the main diamond	
Playing area surfaces	Grass diamond with skinned base running area only				E	Grass only	E	Wintergreen couch is the recommended turf for grass playing areas.	
Playing area drainage	Sub surface drainage with 0.5% slope in all directions from pitcher's mound	E	Falling in all directions away from pitcher's mound at 1 to 1.5%		E	-		For natural grass playing areas the native soils must usually be amended with organic material and sand or clay to create a porous, permeable soil structure that will ensure firm footing and provide an ideal growing medium for deep-rooted and healthy turf.	
Bullpen (2)	6m x 25.6m with chain mesh surrounds to protect players from foul balls				E	-		Located alongside the left field and right field lines with sufficient space for two pitchers and two catchers to warm up. Each should be constructed with regulation pitcher's mounds and home plates.	
Playing area marking	Coaches box, batter's box, baselines, catcher's box marked with chalk dust				E	-			
Playing area perimeter/run-off	Not less than 60 feet (18.3m)				E	-		Defined by the backstop – refer to playing area fencing	
Scoreboard	Electronic	CR	Electronic or manual		CR	-		Scores, outs and innings and preferably located behind the outfield fence approximately 100 feet (30m) from the left or right field foul pole/line.	
LED sports lighting (average minimum lux)	750 lux infield 500 lux outfield	E	500 lux infield 300 lux outfield	E	300 lux infield 200 lux outfield	E	200 lux match practice	E	
Playing area fencing	Back stop, outfield fencing and foul posts				E	Back stop only	E	Back stop must be at least 5.5m tall and wide enough to stretch from one dugout to the other. The infield side of the backstop is required to have a support frame with a dark coloured padded wall or fence at field height (1m) to see the baseball in play and to provide a consistent surface that will not cause an irregular ball bounce and to ensure the chain mesh fencing isn't damaged.  Outfield fencing 2.5m high and preferably padded with 3-inch thick foam.	

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Scorers facilities	Uninterrupted view of the match with a table under cover located between the two dugouts behind the back stop. The table to be 2.5m long and 1.2m wide and be able to comfortably set at least 3 people		E		-	Power supply to this area is required.		
Irrigation	Outfield fencing 2.5m high and preferably padded with 3-inch thick foam.		E	Sprinklers in line across the field		E Irrigation of the playing area must be provided to ensure continued growth of the turf. An automatic watering system is required. The preferred controller is Toro Custom Command Series and the preferred rotors are Toro T-7 Series stainless steel. Refer to Recommended Sport Field Construction Specifications for Logan City.		
SURROUNDS								
Storage (grounds maintenance)	45m <sup>2</sup>		E	45m <sup>2</sup> if responsible for grounds maintenance		Required to secure and host field equipment such as line marker, tampers, drags, bases, plugs and mowers (7.5m x 3m bay).		
Storage (playing equipment)	22.5m <sup>2</sup>		E	Included in clubhouse		Secure space for team equipment such as team kits containing helmets, baseballs and bats (7.5m x 3m bay).		
Spectator seating	Area for min. 1000 person capacity grandstand around main diamond, bench seating or area for foldable chairs for 20 persons for other diamonds	NE	Bench seats or tiered seating for 100 persons for main diamonds, bench seating or area for foldable chairs for 20 persons per diamond		NE	-	Grandstand or tiered seating, bench seating is preferred with some covered.	
Batting cages	6m long x 6m deep x 3m high, square or igloo shaped with cyclone chain link fencing or soft netting with 2-inch aluminium tubing		E			-	Can be portable.	
Spectator seating	Grandstand or tiered seating for min. 200 persons on main field, bench seating or area for foldable chairs for 50 persons for other fields	NE	Bench seats or tiered seating for 100 persons on main field, bench seating or area for foldable chairs for 50 persons for other fields	NE	Bench seating or area for foldable chairs for 50 persons per field	NE	-	Grandstand or tiered seating, bench seating is preferred with some covered.

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