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Comparative Sizes of Sports Pitches & Courts (OUTDOOR)

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Introduction

This updated guidance, now with separate documents for indoor and outdoor sports, is intended to give an overview comparison of area requirements for an extended range of outdoor sports.

Following a period of consultation with the National Governing Bodies (NGBs) of sport, the updated information reflects the most up-to-date NGB facility requirements and has been fully endorsed by the NGBs at the time of publication.

This document has been designed to be used in conjunction with NGB guidance (with links provided to the sources of information included) and the Sport England ‘User Guide’.

Users should always check with the relevant NGB for their most current criteria which may be updated from time to time.

Feedback from users wishing to report anomalies encountered, such as discrepancies with current or updated NGB criteria, can notify Sport England by email available at:

<https://www.sportengland.org/website-feedback/>

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For sports which have associated downloadable ‘Pitch Layouts’ available from the Sport England (SE) website, links are provided as examples below:

[Click here for SE ‘Artificial Grass Pitch Layouts’](#)

[Click here for SE ‘Natural Turf Pitch Layouts’](#)

See also the ‘Design and Cost’ section of the SE website for related design guidance including:

- ***Artificial Surfaces for Outdoor Sports Design Guidance Note***
- ***Natural Turf for Sport Design Guidance Note***
- ***Selecting the Right Artificial Surface***

These are available at:

<https://www.sportengland.org/facilities-planning/tools-guidance/design-and-cost-guidance/>

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The new level of play categories for each sport as agreed by the NGBs and Sport England are:

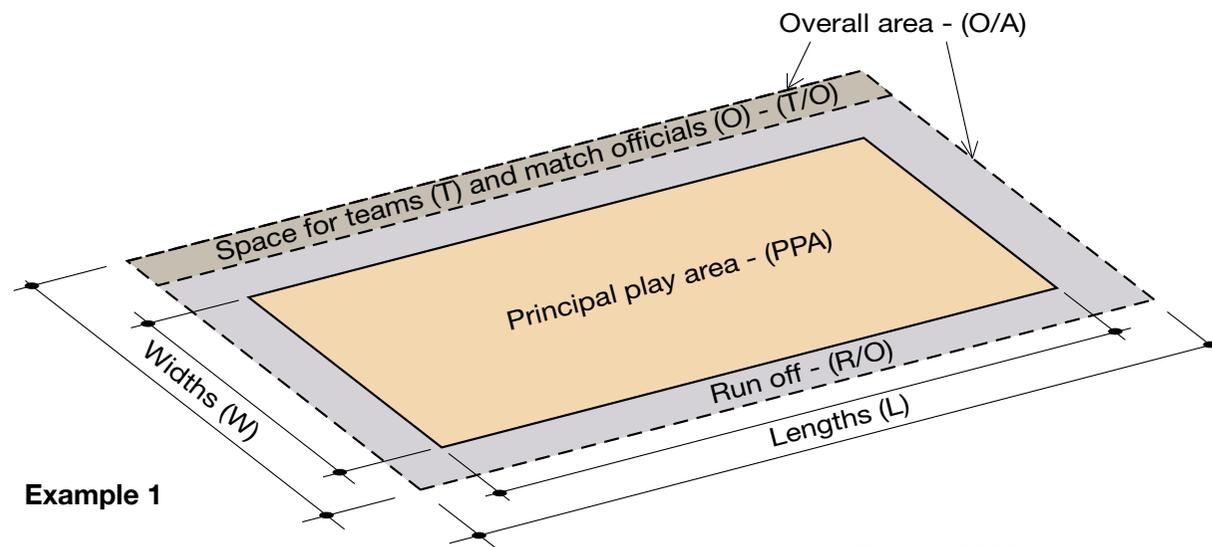
- **Community** (previously 'Recreational')
- **Club** (as before)
- **Premier** (previously 'County & Regional')
- **(Inter)National** (previously 'National & International')

Overall area (O/A) requirements, including dimensions for length and width for each level of play, include the following:

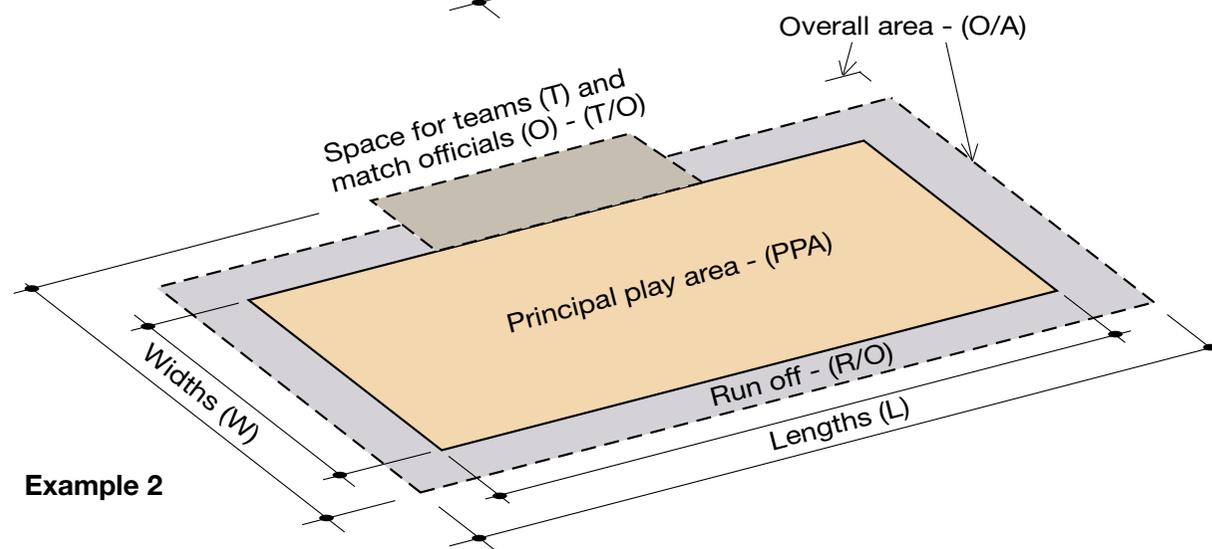
- **PPA** (principal play area); **plus**
- **R/O** (run offs); **plus**
- **T/O** (space for teams (T) and match officials (O)); **when required**

Where a range of sizes are acceptable for any of the above, minimum (min), preferred (pref) and/or maximum (max) dimensions are listed

Terminology used and dimensional criteria



Example 1



Example 2

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OUTDOOR SPORTS		NGB		Website		Sport England (SE) weblinks	
Level of play category	Community	Club	Premier	(Inter)National	Notes		
Area requirements	(L x W)	(L x W)	(L x W)	(L x W)			
American Football		British American Football Association (BAFA)		http://www.britishamericanfootball.org/ and http://rules.bafta.org/rules/rulebook/2014/FieldDiagrams.pdf			
PPA (between end lines)	90 yard shortened pitch *	90.14 x 46.23 m min 95.10 x 48.77 m pref	all as Community	all as Community	all as Community	All dimensions based on BAFA 'Field dimensions' document. See http://rules.bafta.org/rules/field/FieldDimensions.htm	
	100 yard full pitch	104.01 x 46.23 m min 109.73 x 48.77 m pref				* Shortened pitch dims include min end zones/limit lines.	
O/A **	90 yard shortened pitch *	93.61 x 53.16 m min 98.76 x 56.09 m pref				** Additional allowance is required for areas to each side of pitch centred on midfield through to both 25 yard lines for: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Restricted zone: 45.72 x 1.83 m • Coaching Box: 45.72 x 1.83 m • Team Area: 45.72 x 3.66 m min 	
	100 yard full pitch	110.94 x 53.16 m min 117.05 x 56.09 m pref				Pitch limit line (R/O) is set 3.66 m generally from the pitch. To the rear/sides of the Team Area, the limit line is set at 1.83 m. If space is at a premium, the 1.83 m margin can be excluded to the rear of the team area.	
		(R/O 3.46 m min, 3.66 m max)					
Athletics		UK Athletics (UKA)		http://www.ukathletics.net		Click here for SE 'Artificial Sports Surface Layouts'	
PPA (see notes adjacent)	All athletics tracks up to premier standard covered by UK Athletics (UKA) are to be designed in accordance with the 'Code of Practice for the Construction and Maintenance of Athletics Tracks with Synthetic Surfaces' published by the Sports and Play Construction Association (SAPCA) available at www.sapca.org.uk . Athletics tracks for International competition are to be designed to meet the requirements of the 'Track and Field Facilities Manual' published by the International Association of Athletics Federations (IAAF). See also Sport England's Athletics Design Guidance Note and <i>Compact Athletics Facilities</i> documents available at: http://www.sportengland.org/facilities-planning/tools-guidance/design-and-cost-guidance/other-design-guidance/						
O/A (see notes adjacent)							
Baseball		British Baseball Federation (BBF)		www.britishbaseball.org http://www.baseballsoftballuk.com/		Click here for SE 'Natural Turf Pitch Layouts'	
PPA (Diamond)	U10*	18.29 x 18.29 m	all as Community	all as Community	all as Community	All sizes are metric conversions of imperial sizes	
	U13	21.34 x 21.34 m				* U10 category also includes PlayBall!	
	U16	27.43 x 27.43 m				** Overall field dimensions vary including centre field, home run lengths and pitching distances depending on age/league/event category - see BBF website at: http://www.baseballsoftballuk.com/document/baseball-field-dimensions and http://www.baseballsoftballuk.com/document/baseball-field-maintenance-a-general-guide-for-fields-of-all-levels . O/A dimensions include 18.29 m for foul line to fence line on two sides but exclude areas beyond the centre field on remaining sides.	
	Adult	27.43 x 27.43 m				Minimum 12.2 m from foul line to dead ball line. Fence/grandstand 18.29 m from base or foul line. Detailing of bases, fencing/ball arrest netting and batting cage should be discussed directly with the NGB.	
PPA (Diamond and home run)	U10*	60.96 x 60.96 m				See Sport England <i>Natural Turf for Sport Design Guidance</i> Note available at http://www.sportengland.org/facilities-planning/tools-guidance/design-and-cost-guidance/natural-turf-for-sport/	
	U13	60.96 x 60.96 m					
	U16	76.20 x 76.20 m					
	Adult	99.05 x 99.05 m					
O/A (typically) **	U10*	79.25 x 79.25 m					
	U13	79.25 x 79.25 m					
	U16	94.49 x 94.49 m					
	Adult	117.35 x 117.35 m					
Abbreviations:							
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m	Metres	excl.	Excluding	max	Maximum	R/O	Run off(s): the area outside the court or pitch (PPA)
NGB	National Governing Body	PPA	Principal play area	pref	Preferred	T/O	Space for teams (T) and match officials (O)
							N/A Not applicable

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Level of play category	Community	Club	Premier	(Inter)National	Notes		
Area requirements	(L x W)	(L x W)	(L x W)	(L x W)			
Basketball (outdoor)		Basketball England (BE)		http://www.basketballengland.co.uk			
PPA *	26.0 x 14.0 m min (13.0 x 14.0 m half court) 28.0 x 15.0 m pref	N/A	N/A	N/A	Outdoor Basketball is only played at Community level. Sizes other than as listed may be variable depending on available facility size and should be discussed/agreed with the NGB.		
O/A *	28.1 x 16.1 m min 32.1 x 19.1 m pref (R/O 1.05 m min, 2.05 m pref)	N/A	N/A	N/A	* For outdoor areas that are covered, clear height requirements for indoor basketball will apply - see SEs 'Basketball' Sports Data Sheet available at: http://www.sportengland.org/facilities-planning/tools-guidance/design-and-cost-guidance/sports-halls/		
Bowls – Flat Green		Bowls England (BE)		http://www.bowlsengland.com		Click here for SE 'Artificial Grass Pitch Layouts'	
PPA	31.0 x 31.0 m min 40.0 x 40.0 m max	all as Community	all as Community	all as Community	Green size (PPA) allows for 6 no. rinks and excludes the perimeter ditch. The green must be either rectangular or square. The length of the green in the direction of play must be between 31 m and 40 m. Play usually rotates N/S and E/W – the green should therefore ideally be equal sided. Rink widths are 4.3 m min, 5.8 m max under World Bowls rules. The green must be surrounded by a ditch which must be between 0.2 m min and 0.38 m max width and depth from green level of 0.05 m min 0.20 m max. Perimeter bank vertical 0.23 m min above green level. Perimeter path outside ditch on all sides 1.5 m min, 2.0 m pref. The green must have a suitable level playing surface that must be either vegetation or an artificial surface approved by Bowls England. See SEs 'Artificial Flat Green Bowls Briefing Note 2013' available at: http://www.sportengland.org/facilities-planning/tools-guidance/design-and-cost-guidance/artificial-sports-surfaces/		
O/A	Incl. ditch 31.4 x 31.4 m min 40.76 x 40.76 m max				For further information on facility requirements, see the World Bowls website at http://www.worldbowls.com/ and the following reference documents:		
	Incl. ditch and perimeter path 34.4 x 34.4 m min 44.76 x 44.76 m max				<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <i>World Bowls Introduction to Lawn Bowls</i> • <i>World Bowls Laws of the Sport of Bowls</i> • <i>World Bowls Performance Standards for Flat Green Bowls Surfaces</i> 		
Abbreviations:							
L x W	Length x width	incl.	Including	min	Minimum	O/A	Overall space incl. R/O and T/O (see below) as applicable unless stated otherwise
m	Metres	excl.	Excluding	max	Maximum	R/O	Run off(s): the area outside the court or pitch (PPA)
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Area requirements	(L x W)	(L x W)	(L x W)	(L x W)	Notes	
Bowls – Crown Green		British Crown Green Bowling Association (BCGBA)		http://www.crowngreenbowls.org/		
PPA*	*There are no formalised green sizes identified within the British Crown Green Bowling Associations rules and regulations. A maximum green size of 40.0 x 40.0 m is preferred, smaller greens are accepted and need not be square - minimum size should be considered as 25.0 m.		N/A – International events are no longer played.		Proposals for a crown green bowls facility should be discussed with the NGB prior to finalising any design.	
O/A*	Greens are not divided into rinks. The crown height though often 254 mm is variable, it need not be central on the green and a green can have two crowns. Level of play ranges between community, club and premier events.				Perimeter ditch requirements are un-formalised – a 0.3 m wide x 0.125 m deep (below green level) ditch may be acceptable and the ditch should be contained externally by a raised board top set 100 mm above green level.	
Cricket		England and Wales Cricket Board (ECB)		http://www.ecb.co.uk Click here for SE 'Natural Turf Pitch Layouts'		
PPA	U13 Junior **	6p: 19.20 x 18.30 m	all as Community	as Community	as Community	* All sizes are metric conversions of imperial sizes.
(p = pitch *)	(1p = 19.20 x 3.05 m)	9p: 19.20 x 27.45 m				** Other Junior reduced pitch lengths apply for:
	Senior	6p: 20.12 x 18.30 m		6p: N/A	as Premier	• U9: 16.46 m
	(1p = 20.12 x 3.05 m)	9p: 20.12 x 27.45 m		9p: 20.12 x 27.45 m		• U10: 17.37 m
		12p: 20.12 x 36.60 m		12p: 20.12 x 36.60 m		• U11: 18.29 m
						Boundaries are measured from middle stump of pitch in use:
O/A	U13 Junior **	6p: 92.36 x 88.41 m		as Community	as Community	• Junior 36.58 m (40 yds)
(p = pitch *)		9p: 92.36 x 97.56 m				• Senior: 45.72 m (50 yds) min, 82.26 m (90 yds) max.
	Senior	6p: 111.56 x 106.69 m		6p: N/A	as Premier	Tables & wickets to be sited north to south inside 305° and 55°.
		9p: 111.56 x 115.84 m		9p: 111.56 x 115.84 m		International/Test match boundary requirements should be agreed with the ECB at the early design stages.
		12p: 111.56 x 128.04 m		12p: 111.56 x 128.04 m		

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Area requirements	(L x W)	(L x W)	(L x W)	(L x W)	
Football	The Football Association (FA)		http://www.thefa.com		Click here for SE 'Natural Turf Pitch Layouts'
PPA	U11/U12: 73.0 x 46.0 m U13/U14: 82.0 x 50.0 m U15/U16: 91.0 x 55.0 m U17/U18 & Senior: 100.0 x 64.0 m	all as Community	all as Community	National: 100.0 x 64.0 m min 120.0 x 90.0 m max International: 100.0 x 64.0 m min 110.0 x 75.0 m max	Click here for SE 'Artificial Grass Pitch Layouts' For U11/U12 up to U17/18 & Senior levels, PPA and O/A sizes are based on the FAs updated national pitch sizes stated in their 2012 document 'The FA Guide to Pitch and Goalpost Dimensions (Metric)' which include 3 m min wide run offs. See also FA recommendations for multiple pitches and additional information for additional 'respect' designated spectator area zones. For National and International levels, basic pitch sizes are based on the FAs Laws of the Game 2014-15 available at http://www.thefa.com/my-football/referee/laws-of-the-game Detailed discussions with the NGB should take place at the design stage of any project incorporating a football facility. See also FA weblink http://www.thefa.com/my-football/football-volunteers/runningclub/yourfacilities/
O/A	U11/U12: 79.0 x 52.0 m U13/U14: 88.0 x 56.0 m U15/U16: 97.0 x 61.0 m U17/U18 & Senior: 106.0 x 70.0 m (All R/O 3.0 m min)			Refer to FA guidance	
Football: Mini Soccer	The Football Association (FA)		http://www.thefa.com		Click here for SE 'Natural Turf Pitch Layouts'
PPA *	U7/U8: 37.0 x 27.0 m U9/U10: 55.0 x 37.0 m	all as Community	all as Community	all as Community (National only)	Click here for SE 'Artificial Grass Pitch Layouts' * PPA and O/A sizes are based on the FAs updated national pitch sizes stated in their 2012 document 'The FA Guide to Pitch and Goalpost Dimensions (Metric)' which include 3 m min wide run offs. See also FA recommendations for multiple pitches and additional information for additional 'respect' designated spectator areas zones. International play is currently outside FIFA rules – and subject to individual NGB's. There have been no England International games and limited National play.
O/A *	U7/U8: 43.0 x 33.0 m U9/U10: 61.0 x 43.0 m (All R/O 3.0 m min)				

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Area requirements	(L x W)	(L x W)	(L x W)	(L x W)	Notes		
Hockey	England Hockey (EH)			http://www.englishhockey.co.uk/	Click here for SE 'Artificial Grass Pitch Layouts'		
PPA	91.4 x 55.0 m	all as Community	all as Community	all as Community	<p>Sizes are based upon International Hockey Federation (FIH) document <i>Rules of Hockey (January 2013)</i> available at: http://www.englishhockey.co.uk/page.asp?section=1146&sectionTitle=Rules+of+Hockey .</p> <p>* For minimum run offs, a 1.0 m width of the side R/O and 2.0 m width of the end R/O (adjacent to the PPA) must be of the same playing surface as the PPA.</p> <p>For preferred run offs, a 3.0 m width of the side and end R/O's (adjacent to the PPA) must be of the same playing surface as the PPA.</p>		
O/A	97.4 x 59.0 m min 101.4 x 63.0 m pref (R/O: 2.0 m sides, 3.0 m ends min and 4.0 m sides, 5.0 m ends pref)*						
'in2Hockey' (Seven-A-Side)	England Hockey (EH)			http://www.englishhockey.co.uk/	Click here for SE 'Artificial Grass Pitch Layouts'		
PPA	55.0 x 43.0 m	all as Community	all as Community	all as Community	<p>*Sizes for 'in2Hockey' (formerly known as 'mini hockey') are based upon two pitches (with full size D's and goals) running transversely across a full-size FIH pitch (see 'Hockey' criteria above).</p> <p>** EH do not provide specific safety run off (R/O) criteria for in2Hockey but are generally established by full pitch R/O provision. 5.0 m is the minimum R/O requirement between pitches.</p> <p>See 'Hockey' criteria above regarding the width of the side and end R/O's (adjacent to the PPA) that must be of the same playing surface as the PPA.</p> <p>For further information, see EH's <i>in2Hockey Advisory Guidelines</i> available at http://in2hockey.englishhockey.co.uk/game-guidelines.aspx .</p>		
O/A	(O/A: see notes adjacent*) (R/O: subject to main pitch R/O dimensions**)						
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Lacrosse		English Lacrosse Association (ELA)		http://www.englishlacrosse.co.uk/english-lacrosse-ngb/			
PPA *	91.4 x 55.0 m min *** 110.0 x 60.0 m pref	all as Community	all as Community ****	all as Community ****	* As of September 2015 all English Lacrosse pitches must conform to the new Federation of International Lacrosse (FIL) <i>Unified Pitch Markings</i> with the same PPA and O/A sizes for both men and women categories, but with respective line marking variations.		
O/A **	97.4 x 67.0 m min *** 116.0 x 72.0 m pref (R/O 3.0 m min) (incl. additional 6.0 m for T/O)*****				** O/A sizes include a 3.0 m minimum run off (R/O) to all sides generally and an additional 6.0 m (partially) along one side providing 9.0 m in total for T/O beyond PPA. *** FIL has developed a set of measurements for existing fields below preferred PPA sizes. Minimum sizes stated are based on an International Hockey Federation (FIH) field hockey pitch. However, further criteria for shorter or narrower pitches is also available at http://www.englishlacrosse.co.uk/lacrosse-rules-and-regulations/ and http://filacrosse.com/rules-field-dimensions/ . **** For Premier and International levels, an artificial grass pitch (AGP) is the preferred surfacing. ***** For Community and Club level T/O criteria, see http://www.englishlacrosse.co.uk/clubs-university-lacrosse/ . Adjacent pitches (PPAs) should be separated by 6.0 m min.		
Outdoor Netball		England Netball (EN)		http://www.englandnetball.co.uk/		Click here for SE 'Artificial Sports Pitch Layouts'	
PPA *	30.5 x 15.25 m	as Community	N/A ***	N/A ***	Netball practice can be played on all courts (PPA) that are 30.5 x 15.25 m. When there is insufficient space for a full size court and minimum run offs, a formal risk assessment undertaken by the facility operator can establish if community or club competition may be allowed with the court retained at 30.5 x 15.25 m but with reduced run offs - see SE's <i>Netball Design Guidance Note</i> .		
O/A *	34.5 x 18.25 m (1.5 m side R/O and 2.0 m end R/O) (T/O not required)	34.5 x 18.25-20.25** m min 36.6 x 21.35-23.35** m pref (1.5 m side R/O and 2.0 m end R/O min 3.05 m R/O to all sides pref) (incl./excl. 2.0 m for optional T/O)			Where courts are laid side-by-side with no division fencing or change in surfacing, a common run off 2.0 m (community) / 2.0-4.0 m (club) min wide can be used. * For covered courts, 7.5 m min clear height is required above the PPA as for indoor netball criteria. Above the run offs, the inner edge of structure/fittings can reduce from 7.5 m min at the highest point to 4.5 m min at the lowest point. ** Width range depending on inclusion of optional team and match officials (T/O) area. *** All Premier and World Championships are now played in indoor arenas on area or combined elastic floors.		
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Play Touch Rugby League	Rugby Football League (RFL)	Website		Sport England (SE) weblinks		
		http://www.therfl.co.uk/index.php				

PPA (Basic pitch) *	70.0 x 50.0 m pref	all as Community	N/A	N/A	RFL refer to the following key areas (Sport England equivalents/abbreviations indicated in brackets):		
PPA plus In-goal (I/G) areas (Playing area) **	80.0 x 50.0 m min 90.0 x 50.0 m pref				<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Field of play (PPA - basic pitch) • In-goal (I/G) • Playing area (PPA - basic pitch incl. I/G) • Run offs (R/O) • Playing enclosure (O/A) 		
O/A ***	80.0 x 54.0 m min 90.0 x 54.0 m pref				* PPA basic pitch sizes taken between goal lines.		
In-goal (I/G) criteria	5.0 m min - 10.0 m max				** PPA playing area including in-goal (I/G) areas beyond each end of basic pitch as indicated for the respective categories. The length and breadth of the total PPA are to be as near as possible to the preferred dimensions indicated.		
Run off (R/O) criteria	2.0 m min (to sides only)				*** O/A includes PPA playing area including in-goal (I/G) areas and safety run off (R/O) margins as indicated. O/A excludes any provision for T/O or spectator viewing.		

See RFL *Rugby League Pitch Dimensions* document available at <http://www.rflfacilitrust.co.uk> for pitch criteria.

For further information, refer to RFL's *Play Touch Rugby League Facility Guidance* available at: <http://www.playtouchrugbyleague.co.uk/>

Rounders	Rounders England (RE)		Website		Sport England (SE) weblinks		
			http://www.roundersengland.co.uk/				

PPA *	Junior 20.0 x 12.0 m Senior 20.0 x 12.0 m	all as Community	all as Community	all as Community	* The PPA should not be placed in corners which will restrict the forward hitting area.		
O/A **	Junior 60.0 x 40.0 m min Senior 100.0 x 60.0 m min				** Play usually takes place without boundaries, but if one is required: adults 50 m and juniors 30 m, measured from front right corner of batting square.		

Note: Junior level PPA is under review at the time of publication - refer to RE website for current status.

In any multi-pitch layout, 10 m is required between pitches.

See RE guidance and *Official Rounders Rules* available from <http://www.roundersengland.co.uk/play/rules/>.

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Area requirements	(L x W)	(L x W)	(L x W)	(L x W)	
Rugby League	Rugby Football League (RFL)		http://www.therfl.co.uk/index.php	Click here for SE 'Natural Turf Pitch Layouts' Click here for SE 'Artificial Grass Pitch Layouts'	
PPA (Basic pitch) *	U7/U8/U9: 50.0 x 30.0 m min 60.0 x 40.0 m pref	all as Community	N/A	all as Premier	<p>RFL refer to the following key areas (Sport England equivalents/abbreviations indicated in brackets):</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Field of play (PPA - basic pitch) • In-goal (I/G) • Playing area (PPA - basic pitch incl. I/G) • Run offs (R/O) • Playing enclosure (O/A) <p>* PPA basic pitch sizes taken between goal lines.</p> <p>** PPA playing area including in-goal (I/G) areas beyond each end of basic pitch as indicated for the respective categories. The length and breadth of the total PPA are to be as near as possible to the preferred dimensions indicated.</p> <p>*** O/A includes PPA playing area including in-goal (I/G) areas and safety run off (R/O) margins as indicated for the respective categories. O/A excludes any provision for T/O or spectator viewing.</p> <p>See RFL <i>Rugby League Pitch Dimensions</i> document available at http://www.rflfacilitiestrust.co.uk for pitch criteria.</p> <p>Where multiple pitches are to be laid out in close proximity there is a requirement for a space of three metres between the outside lines of the run off areas. This is for both safety and to accommodate spectators.</p> <p>There is no requirement for additional space between in-goal areas other than to accommodate spectators and it is therefore discretionary.</p>
	U10/U11 (11-a-side): 80.0 x 50.0 m pref		N/A		
	U12-Adult (11-a-side): 92.0 x 55.0 m min		N/A		
	U12-Adult: 100.0 x 68.0 m pref		as Community		
PPA plus In-goal (I/G) areas (Playing area) **	U7/U8/U9: N/A - no I/Gs		N/A		
	U10/U11 (11-a-side): N/A - no I/Gs		N/A		
	U12-Adult (11-a-side): 104.0 x 55.0 m min		N/A		
	U12-Adult: 116.0 x 68.0 m pref		as Community		
O/A ***	****U7/U8/U9: 54.0 x 34.0 m min 64.0 x 44.0 m pref		N/A		
	U10/U11 (11-a-side): 84.0 x 54.0 m pref		N/A		
	U12-Adult (11-a-side): 104.0 x 59.0 m min		N/A		
	U12-Adult: 116.0 x 74.0 m pref		as Community		
In-goal (I/G) criteria	U7-U11: N/A		N/A		
	U12-Adult (11-a-side): 6.0 m		N/A		
	U12-Adult: 8.0 m		as Community		
Run off (R/O) criteria	U7-U11: 2.0 m (to all sides)		N/A		
	U12-Adult (11-a-side): 2.0 m (to long sides only)		N/A		
	U12-Adult: 3.0 m (to long sides only)		as Community		

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m	Metres	excl.	Excluding	max	Maximum	R/O	Run off(s): the area outside the court or pitch (PPA)
NGB	National Governing Body	PPA	Principal play area	pref	Preferred	T/O	Space for teams (T) and match officials (O)
							N/A Not applicable

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OUTDOOR SPORTS		NGB		Website		Sport England (SE) weblinks		
Level of play category	Community	Club	Premier	(Inter)National				
Area requirements	(L x W)	(L x W)	(L x W)	(L x W)	Notes			
Rugby Union	Rugby Football Union (RFU)		http://www.englandrugby.com/		Click here for SE 'Natural Turf Pitch Layouts' Click here for SE 'Artificial Grass Pitch Layouts'			
PPA (Basic pitch) *	U7: 20.0 x 12.0 m max/pref U8: 45.0 x 25.0 m max/pref U9: 60.0 x 35.0 m max/pref U10: 60.0 x 35.0 m max/pref U11/U12: 60.0 x 43.0 m max/pref Senior 7/10/15-a-side: 100.0 x 70.0 m max/pref	N/A N/A N/A N/A N/A as Community	N/A N/A N/A N/A N/A as Community	N/A N/A N/A N/A N/A as Community	N/A N/A N/A N/A N/A 94.0 x 68.0 m min 100.0 x 70.0 m pref	RFU refer to the following key areas (Sport England equivalents/abbreviations indicated in brackets): <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Field of play (PPA - basic pitch) In-goal (I/G) Playing area (PPA - basic pitch incl. I/G) Perimeter area (safety run offs - R/O) Playing enclosure (O/A) 		
PPA plus In-goal (I/G) areas (Playing area) **	U7: 30.0 x 12.0 m max/pref U8: 55.0 x 25.0 m max/pref U9: 70.0 x 35.0 m max/pref U10: 70.0 x 35.0 m max/pref U11/U12: 70.0 x 43.0 m max/pref Senior 7/10/15-a-side: 144.0 x 70.0 m max	N/A N/A N/A N/A N/A as Community	N/A N/A N/A N/A N/A as Community	N/A N/A N/A N/A N/A as Community	N/A N/A N/A N/A N/A 106.0 x 68.0 m min 144.0 x 70.0 m max	* PPA basic pitch sizes taken between goal lines. ** PPA playing area including in-goal (I/G) areas beyond each end of basic pitch as indicated for the respective categories. The length and breadth of the total PPA are to be as near as possible to the preferred (pref) dimensions indicated.		
O/A ***	U7: 36.0 x 18.0 m min U8: 61.0 x 31.0 m min U9: 76.0 x 41.0 m min U10: 80.0 x 45.0 m pref U11/U12: 80.0 x 53.0 m pref Senior 7/10/15-a-side: 154.0 x 80.0 m max	N/A N/A N/A N/A N/A as Community	N/A N/A N/A N/A N/A as Community	N/A N/A N/A N/A N/A as Community	N/A N/A N/A N/A N/A 116.0 x 78.0 m min 154.0 x 80.0 m max	*** O/A includes PPA playing area (incl. I/G areas) and perimeter areas (R/O) as indicated for the respective categories. O/A excludes any provision for T/O or spectator viewing. Where the max/pref dimensions cannot be achieved, appropriate dimensions should be identified on a site by site basis using a common sense approach based upon the type, level and intensity of rugby activity that will take place. **** Adjacent U7-U9 pitches should be min 5.0 m apart.		
In-goal (I/G) criteria	U7-U12: 5.0 m Senior 7/10/15-a-side: 6.0 m min - 22.0 m max	N/A as Community	N/A as Community	N/A as Community	N/A as Community	***** Where the required 5.0 m run off is not deemed 'practicable', an appropriate run off should be identified by undertaking a comprehensive risk assessment based upon the type, level and intensity of rugby activity and the surrounding physical environment.		
Perimeter area (R/O) criteria	U7-U9: 3.0 m min **** U10-U12: 5.0 m min ***** Senior 7/10/15-a-side: 5.0 m min *****	N/A N/A as Community	N/A N/A as Community	N/A N/A as Community	N/A N/A as Community	For further information on full-size pitch criteria for Senior levels of play and general requirements, see the updated World Rugby <i>Laws of The Game</i> available from their website at http://laws.worldrugby.org/?section=5		
Abbreviations:								
L x W	Length x width	incl.	Including	min	Minimum	O/A	Overall space incl. R/O and T/O (see below) as applicable unless stated otherwise	
m	Metres	excl.	Excluding	max	Maximum	R/O	Run off(s): the area outside the court or pitch (PPA)	
NGB	National Governing Body	PPA	Principal play area	pref	Preferred	T/O	Space for teams (T) and match officials (O)	
							N/A Not applicable	

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Level of play category	Community	Club	Premier	(Inter)National	Notes		
Area requirements	(L x W)	(L x W)	(L x W)	(L x W)			
Softball - fastpitch (fp) / slowpitch (sp)		British Softball Federation (BSF)		http://www.britishsoftball.org/ http://www.baseballsoftballuk.com/		Click here for SE 'Natural Turf Pitch Layouts'	
PPA (Diamond)	U10* (fp): 16.76 x 16.76 m U12 (fp): 18.29 x 18.29 m U14 (fp): 18.29 x 18.29 m Over 14 / Adult (fp): 18.29 x 18.29 m Over 14 / Adult (sp): 19.81 x 19.81 m	all as Community	all as Community	all as Community	All sizes are metric conversions of imperial sizes. * U10 category also includes PlayBall! Dimensions are based on women and girls fastpitch and mixed/co-ed slowpitch. Dimensions for men's fastpitch or slowpitch should be discussed directly with the NGB category. For further information, see BSF website at: http://www.baseballsoftballuk.com/document/softball-field-dimensions . O/A dimensions include 9.14 m for foul line to fence line on two sides but exclude areas beyond the centre field on remaining sides. Minimum 7.62 m from foul line to dead ball line. Fence / grandstand 9.14 m from base or foul line. Detailing of bases, fencing/ball arrest netting and batting cage should be discussed directly with the NGB. See Sport England <i>Natural Turf for Sport</i> Design Guidance Note available at http://www.sportengland.org/facilities-planning/tools-guidance/design-and-cost-guidance/natural-turf-for-sport/		
PPA (Diamond and home run)	U10* (fp): 60.96 x 60.96 m U12 (fp): 67.06 x 67.06 m U14 (fp): 67.06 x 67.06 m Over 14 / Adult (fp): 67.06 x 67.06 m Over 14 / Adult (sp): 83.82 x 83.82 m						
O/A	U10* (fp): 70.10 x 70.10 m U12 (fp): 76.20 x 76.20 m U14 (fp): 76.20 x 76.20 m Over 14 / Adult (fp): 76.20 x 76.20 m Over 14 / Adult (sp): 92.96 x 92.96 m						
Tchoukball		Tchoukball UK (TUK)		http://www.tchoukball.org.uk/			
PPA*	21.0 x 11.0 m min 23.0 x 13.0 m pref	all as Community	all as Community	all as Community	Tchoukball can be played outdoors, typically on the beach, sand based courts or on grass, as well as indoors (see respective 'indoor' version of this guidance).		
O/A*	25.0 x 16.0 m min 27.0 x 18.0 m pref (R/O 2.0 m min) (T/O 1.0 m min to one side)				Outdoor Tchoukball is typically played 5-a-side. Games are shorter than for indoor Tchoukball and are normally 12-15 minutes or played in 3 sets with each set to 11 points. * Court sizes (PPA) for all levels can be anywhere between 21.0 x 11.0 m and 23.0 x 13.0 m depending on the venue and available space for run off (R/O) and teams/officials area (T/O) requirements. R/O requirements are 2.0 m min (to all sides) ** O/A sizes include an additional 1.0 m along one side for T/O. Each shooting 'D' is marked out with cones and has a radius of 3.0 m.		
Abbreviations:							
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m	Metres	excl.	Excluding	max	Maximum	R/O	Run off(s): the area outside the court or pitch (PPA)
NGB	National Governing Body	PPA	Principal play area	pref	Preferred	T/O	Space for teams (T) and match officials (O)
							N/A Not applicable

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OUTDOOR SPORTS		NGB	Website		Sport England (SE) weblinks		
Level of play category	Community	Club	Premier	(Inter)National			
Area requirements	(L x W)	(L x W)	(L x W)	(L x W)	Notes		
Tennis	Lawn Tennis Association (LTA)		http://www.lta.org.uk		Click here for SE 'Artificial Grass Pitch Layouts'		
PPA *	23.77 x 10.97 m	all as Community	all as Community	all as Community	* PPA sizes indicated are for a standard doubles court.		
O/A	34.75 x 17.07 m min 36.57 x 18.29 m pref (R/O min: 3.05 m sides, 5.49 m ends R/O pref: 3.66 m sides, 6.40 m ends)				A shared run off between adjacent courts is 3.66 m min or 4.27 m pref (e.g. a two-court area would be 34.75 x 31.77 m min or 36.57 x 33.53 m pref. See LTA document 'Key tennis dimensions' available at: http://www3.lta.org.uk/clubs-schools/Resources---facility-guidance/		
Wheelchair Rugby League	Rugby Football League (RFL)		http://www.therfl.co.uk/index.php http://www.wheelchairrl.co.uk/				
PPA (Basic pitch) *	38.0 x 18.0 m min 40.0 x 20.0 m pref 45.0 x 22.0 m max	all as Community	all as Community	all as Community	Wheelchair Rugby League play can take place on both indoor and outdoor facilities which have appropriate surfaces for sports chair use. * PPA basic pitch sizes taken between goal lines.		
PPA plus In-goal (I/G) areas (Playing area) **	42.0 x 18.0 m min 45.0 x 20.0 m pref 50.0 x 22.0 m max				** PPA playing area including in-goal (I/G) areas beyond each end of basic pitch as indicated for the respective categories. The length and breadth of the total PPA are to be as near as possible to the max/pref dimensions indicated.		
O/A ***	46.0 x 22.0 m min 49.0 x 24.0 m pref 54.0 x 26.0 m max				*** O/A includes PPA playing area including in-goal (I/G) areas and safety run off (R/O) margins as indicated. O/A excludes any provision for T/O or spectator viewing.		
In-goal (I/G) criteria	2.0 m min - 2.5 m max				See RFL <i>Rugby League Pitch Dimensions</i> document available at http://www.rflfacilitiestrust.co.uk for pitch criteria.		
Run off (R/O) criteria	2.0 m (to all sides)				Post height 4 to 5 m, post width apart: 3 m, crossbar height above floor: 2 m. Surface must be hard, level and consistent to ensure good, safe running for wheelchairs. The centre, 4 and 8 metre lines must be clearly marked using (1) adhesive tape (on floor), (2) paint (on concrete) or (3) plastic cones or domes (placed 1 m outside touch lines). For further information, refer to Wheelchair Rugby League <i>Laws of the Game</i> available at: http://www.wheelchairrl.co.uk/downloads		
Abbreviations:							
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NGB	National Governing Body	PPA	Principal play area	pref	Preferred	T/O	Space for teams (T) and match officials (O)
							N/A Not applicable

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OUTDOOR SPORTS		NGB	Website	Sport England (SE) weblinks	
Level of play category	Community	Club	Premier	(Inter)National	Notes
Area requirements	(L x W)	(L x W)	(L x W)	(L x W)	

Wheelchair Tennis	Lawn Tennis Association (LTA)	http://www.lta.org.uk	Click here for SE 'Artificial Grass Pitch Layouts'		
PPA (as for tennis)	For court information, see criteria for Tennis above.				
O/A (as for tennis)	Wheelchair tennis integrates very easily with the non-disabled game since it can be played on any regular tennis court, with no modifications to rackets or balls. Wheelchair tennis players are allowed two bounces of the ball and can play against other wheelchair tennis players as well as alongside or against non-disabled friends and family.				
	For further information see: http://www.lta.org.uk/Tennis-Foundation/Tennis-for-Disabled-People/Wheelchair-Tennis/# and http://www.lta.org.uk/Tennis-Foundation/Tennis-for-Disabled-People/				

Abbreviations:									
L x W	Length x width	incl.	Including	min	Minimum	O/A	Overall space incl. R/O and T/O (see below) as applicable unless stated otherwise		
m	Metres	excl.	Excluding	max	Maximum	R/O	Run off(s): the area outside the court or pitch (PPA)		
NGB	National Governing Body	PPA	Principal play area	pref	Preferred	T/O	Space for teams (T) and match officials (O)	N/A	Not applicable



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