

# SOFTBALL 16" (Slow Pitch)

## NAME OF SPORTS ORGANIZATION

Amateur Softball Association of America, (ASA)

## RECOMMENDED AREA

Ground space is 50,625 square feet (1.2 acres) to 75,625 square feet (1.7 acres).

## SIZE AND DIMENSION

Baselines are 55'-0" for men, 50'-0" for women. Pitching distance is 38'-0" for men and women. Playing field radius from home plate between foul lines is 250' for men, 200' for women.

## ORIENTATION

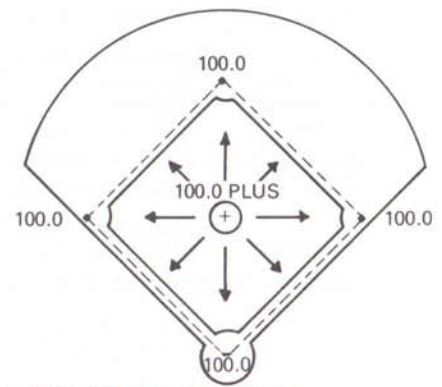
Optimum orientation is to locate home plate so that the pitcher is throwing across the sun and the batter is not facing it.

## SURFACE AND DRAINAGE

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

## SPECIAL CONSIDERATIONS

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



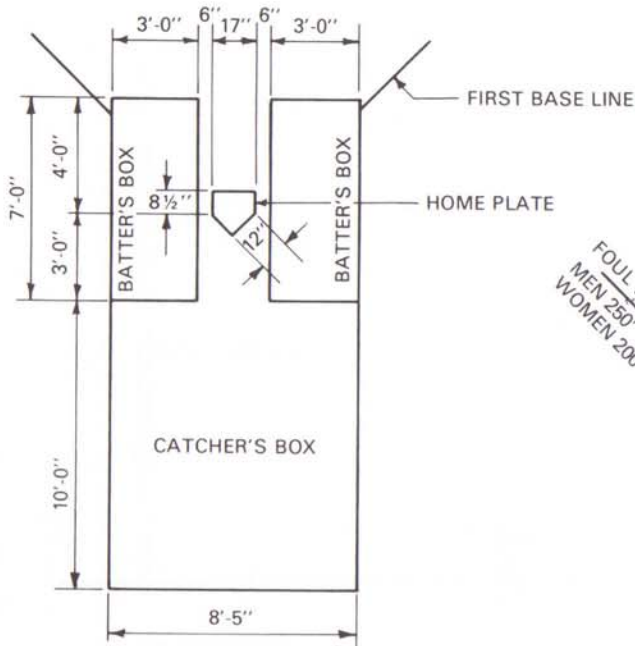
## PREFERABLE GRADING (BASEBALL AND SOFTBALL DIAMONDS)

### NOTES:

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

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

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



## LAYOUT AT HOME PLATE

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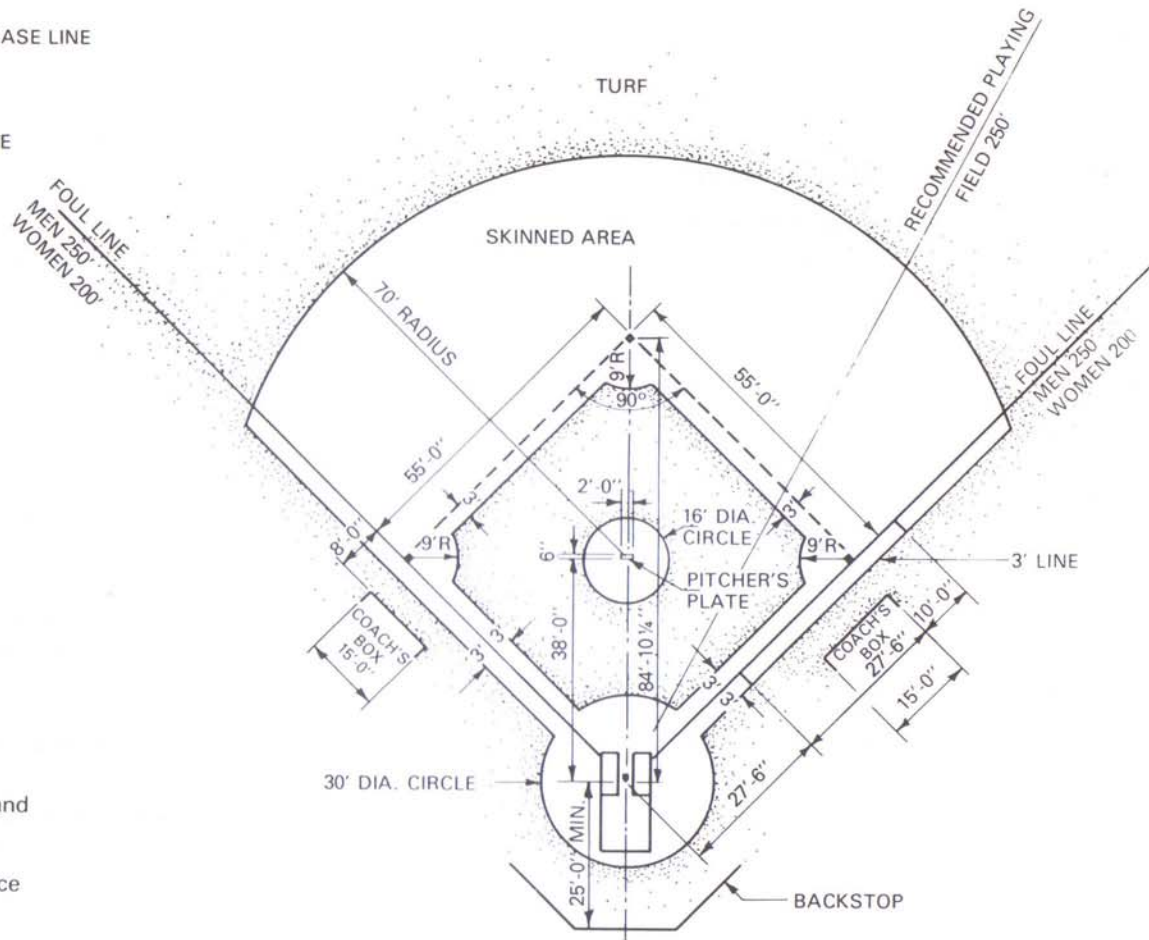
Foul lines, catcher's, batter's and coach's boxes and 3' lines are 2" to 3" chalk lines.

Baselines for women to be 50'-0". Pitching distance does not change.

For grading and drainage details see figure 69.

For surfacing details see figure 70.

For backstop details see figure 71.



## DIAMOND LAYOUT