



## Recreation Facility Development Standards

**City of Sacramento  
Department of Parks and Recreation  
Landscape Architecture Section**

ACTIVITY/ FACILITY	RECOMMENDED SPACE REQUIREMENTS	RECOMMENDED SIZE AND DIMENSIONS	RECOMMENDED ORIENTATION	NUMBER OF UNITS PER POPULATION	SERVICE RADIUS
Baseball Field	3.0 to 3.85 acres	-Baseline--90' -Pitching dist.--60 1/2" -Foul lines--320' min. -Center field--400' +	Locate home plate so pitcher throwing across sun and batter not facing it. Line from home plate through pitcher's mound runs east-north-east	1 per 7,500 (total)  Lighted: 1 per 45,000	1/2 mile
Softball Field	1.5 to 2.0 acres	-Baseline--60' -Pitching distance- 46' men, 40' women -Fast pitch field radius from plate--225' between foul lines -Slow pitch- 275' men, 250' women	Same as baseball	1 per 7,500 (total)  Lighted: 1 per 45,000	1/2 mile
Basketball Court -Youth -High School	52' x 84' 60' x 94'	42' x 74' 50' x 84' 5' min. clearance from sidelines to edge of pavement.	Long axis north-south	1 per 5,000	1/4 to 1/2 mile
Community/ Teen/ Senior Center*				1 per 15,000	
Dog Park	1.0 to 2.0 acres		N/A	1 per 60,000	
Football/Rugby/ Field Hockey	1.5 acres min.	160' x 360' 10' min. clearance on all sides	Fall season--long axis northwest to southwest. For longer periods, north to south	1 per 20,000 (total)  Lighted: 1 per 120,000	15 to 20 min. travel time.
Gardens, Community (Individual Plots)				1 per 100,000	
Gardens, Cultural (Botanical, etc)				1 per 100,000	
Gymnasium**				1 per 100000	
Open Turf Area (Mutli-use)	2.0 acres	200'x400'	Same as Football	1 per 5,000	1/4 to 1/2 mile
Picnic Area (Class I) Large Group	1.0 to 2.0 acres	Group area with 10 or more tables, food prep. area and group grills.	Wooded area any arrangement	1 per 10,000	
Playground -Adventure Area (5-12 yr olds)	5,000 s.f. min.	-Adventure play structure -Over 48" deck heights -Belt swings -Overhead ladders	Within sight of street, and near picnic area and turf.	1 per 5,000	1/4 to 1/2 mile

-Tot Lot (2-5 yr olds)	3,500 s.f. min.	-Tot play structure -48" max. deck height -Tot swings -Spring riders -Sand area	Within sight of street, and near picnic area and turf.	1 per 5,000	1/4 to 1/2 mile
Swimming Pool, (Adult)	Varies on size of pool and amenities. Usually 1/2 to 2 acres.	Teaching-- minimum of 25' yards x 45' even depth of 3' to 4'. Competitive-- min. of 25 m x 16 m and 27 s.f. of water surface per swimmer. Ratios of 2:1 deck vs. water.	None, although care must be taken in siting of lifeguard stations on relation to afternoon sun.	1 per 25,000	15 to 30 min. travel time.
Pool, Wading		Wading pools are best located in same facility with adult pools, so they share utilities and staff.	Same as swimming pool.	1 per 20,000	
Pool, Spray/Water Play Feature		Spray/water features are located in play areas hold no standing water, and are manually or automatically controlled.	Any arrangement.	1 per 15,000	
Pool, Indoor (Adult & Wading)			Any arrangement.	1 per 100,000	
Skateboard Park			N/A	1 per 70,000	
Soccer, Bantam	1 acre	120' x 180' 30' min. clearance on all sides.	Long axis north-south	1 per 10,000 (total)  Lighted: 1 per 30,000	
Soccer, Regulation -Championship -High School -Junior High	2.0 to 3.0 acres	225' x 360' 210' x 330' 165' x 300' 30' min. clearance on all sides.	Long axis north-south	1 per 10,000 (total)  Lighted: 1 per 30,000	
Tennis Court	60'x120' for double courts. (2 acres for complex)	36'x78' with 10-12' 10' min. clearance on both sides and 21' clearance on both ends. Best if located in complex of 8 or more courts.	Long axis north-south	1 per 5,000	1/2-3/4 mile
Volleyball Court	50' x 80' preferred 42' x 72' , OK	30' x 60' 6' min. clearance on all sides, 10' preferred.	Long axis north-south	1 per 7,500	1/2 mile

**LEGEND**

(total) = Total lighted and unlighted fields

\* = One Community Center per 25,000 pop. + one Senior Center per 25,000 pop = 1:12,500.

\*\* = Gymnasium to be an indoor athletic facility including basketball, volleyball, handball, aerobics, weight room, raquetball.