

## **Lighting Standards**

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# **LIGHTING INFORMATION**

## **for sports facilities**

The following standards have been adopted by the North Carolina High School Athletic Association as a result of recommendations by our Standards Advisory Committee. These standards were adopted on April 30, 2008 and apply to the lighting of all high school athletic activities sponsored by the NCHSAA or its member schools.

These standards incorporate the most current data available regarding the lighting, electrical and structural issues that apply to installation of a safe, effective lighting system.

The standards are divided into recommended minimum standards and desirable features. The minimum standards establish criteria which are important to safely conduct NCHSAA activities. The desirable features are established to provide guidelines for lighting systems that give added values of durability, energy-efficiency, environmental sensitivity to spill and glare issues, and that are more cost-effective to own and operate.

NCHSAA play-off events are intended to be held only at sites that meet the minimum standards.

## **I. Recommended Minimum Standards**

To ensure the safety of participants and spectators, the proper design for a sports-lighting system should address three primary areas of technology: Lighting, Structural, and Electrical. An effective sports-lighting system involves a combination of lighting, structural, and electrical components engineered to assure the standards are met as defined by this document. These standards require the manufacturer to design, fabricate, and provide a warranty for the complete lighting system to the performance criteria established by the IESNA (Illuminating Engineering Society of North America), the NEC (National Electric Code), and the IBC (International Building Code) and contained within this document.

These standards are recommended for all lighting installations after the date of adoption. Any modification to an existing lighting system after this date should be done so in compliance with these standards. To be in compliance, a system must meet all of the recommended minimum standards. These specifications should be considered as advisory in nature and non-regulatory.

### **A. Lighting**

#### **1. Quantity**

The IESNA “Recommended Practice for Sports and Recreational Area Lighting” RP-6-01 provides design criteria for sports facilities. Maintained average illuminance is defined as the average illuminance below which the light level should not fall throughout the system’s life. Actual values are calculated from measurements taken on the specified surface at the time maintenance is to be carried out.

The preferred method of design should provide a constant light level over the light-level guarantee period. The acceptable alternative is to apply a recoverable light loss factor.

#### **a. Preferred Technology**

By utilizing a series of power adjustments, a lighting system is able to provide “constant light levels” and greatly extend the life of the lamps. In addition, this generation of lighting has high performance optic characteristics that enable reductions in the quantities of luminaires needed to meet design targets, lowering installation and operating costs. Light levels are typically guaranteed for up to 25 years with this technology.

#### **b. Prior Technology**

For prior technology lighting systems, the specified light levels should be derived by applying Light Loss Factors to the Initial lighting designs in the manner shown in the IESNA Lighting Handbook Reference and Application, Ninth Edition, page 9-17.

Initial light levels are to be based on footcandles as calculated from the photometric report of the luminaire (per the lamp manufacturer's 100 hour lamp lumens) x Ballast Factor x Voltage Factor x Ambient Temperature Factor x Lamp Tilt Factor.

In determining the target average light values, a recoverable light loss factor of 0.7 is to be applied, in addition to the adjustment for the above mentioned non-recoverable Light Loss Factors.

Target Light Levels = Initial Light Levels x Recoverable LLF

Recoverable LLF = LLD x LDD = 0.70

Quality manufacturers are willing to provide guarantees of lighting performance.

### c. Initial and Target/Constant Light Levels

The average initial light levels (for prior technology systems only) and target/constant light levels, should be as stated below:

**NOTE:** For facilities that plan on hosting televised events, the facility should be lit according to the NCAA lighting standards for television broadcasts. To access these standards online, go to <http://www.ncaa.org>, then use the site's search feature to search for "Best Lighting Practices."

Average Light Levels (Initial and Target [maintained] Levels)		
Area of Lighting	Initial Light Levels (Avg)	Target Light Levels (Avg)
Baseball/Softball Infield Area	71.5 footcandles	50 footcandles
Baseball/Softball Outfield Area	43 footcandles	30 footcandles
Football/Soccer/Lacrosse/Field Hockey/Rugby (Practice Fields or facilities with little or no spectator seating)	43 footcandles	30 footcandles
Football/Soccer/Lacrosse/Field Hockey/Rugby (Facilities with up to 5000 spectators)	71.5 footcandles	50 footcandles
Football/Soccer/Lacrosse/Field Hockey/Rugby (Facilities with 5000 or more spectators)	143 footcandles	100 footcandles
Tennis	71.5 footcandles	50 footcandles
Gymnasiums (For practice or recreational purposes only)	71.5 footcandles	50 footcandles
Gymnasiums (For hosting events with spectators)	114.5 footcandles	80 footcandles
Track and Field (Track oval only)	29 footcandles	20 footcandles
Track and Field (For areas where field events will take place)	43 footcandles	30 footcandles
<b>Note:</b> Combination/Multipurpose areas must meet the highest average among the standards for activities played on the field.		

## 2. Quality

Uniformity is a measure of relationships of the illuminances over an area and helps to ensure the quality of the lighting on a project. This is particularly important for high-speed sports conducted on a playing field. To ensure the highest quality of light, three separate uniformities are defined. They are maximum to minimum illuminance uniformity ratio, uniformity gradient, and coefficient of variation. The quality of the lighting should be determined on a basis of these three measurements.

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### a. Maximum to Minimum Uniformity Ratio

The uniformities of the playing field should be measured by comparing the maximum reading to the minimum reading. This ratio should not exceed the value given on the following page.

### b. Uniformity Gradient (UG)

The ratio of greater footcandles to lesser footcandle levels between any two adjacent points in the defined grid should not exceed the value given on the following page.

### c. Coefficient of Variation (CV)

The maximum ratio of the standard deviation for all of the footcandle values to the mean should not exceed the value given on the following page.

<b>Uniformity</b>			
<b>Area of Lighting</b>	<b>Max to Min Ratio</b>	<b>Uniformity Gradient</b>	<b>Coefficient of Variation</b>
Baseball/Softball Infield Area	2.0:1	1.5	0.17
Baseball/Softball Outfield Area	2.5:1	1.5	0.21
Football/Soccer/Lacrosse/Field Hockey/Rugby (Practice Fields or facilities with little or no spectator seating)	3.0:1	1.5	0.25
Football/Soccer/Lacrosse/Field Hockey/Rugby (Facilities with up to 5000 spectators)	2.0:1	1.5	0.21
Football/Soccer/Lacrosse/Field Hockey/Rugby (Facilities with 5000 or more spectators)	1.7:1	1.3	0.13
Tennis	2.0:1	1.5	0.17
Gymnasiums (For practice or recreational purposes only)	3.0:1	2.0	0.25
Gymnasiums (For hosting events with spectators)	2.5:1	1.5	0.21
Track and Field (Track oval only)	4.0:1	2.0	0.30
Track and Field (For areas where field events will take place)	3.0:1	2.0	0.30
<b>Note:</b> Combination/Multipurpose areas must meet the highest average among the standards for activities played on the field.			

### 3. Lamps

Metal halide lamps are recommended for sports lighting applications due to their ability to provide high luminous efficacy, good color rendering, and good optical control characteristics. In general, 1500-watt fixtures are the most economical solution for exterior facilities, and 1000-watt or 400-watt fixtures are typically most economical for indoor facilities.

### 4. Light Level Documents

Lighting equipment manufacturers should provide drawings showing the horizontal footcandle quantity at each point of measurement on the field. The drawings should indicate both the initial and target average horizontal illuminance levels at each measurement point on the field. The drawings should contain any relevant light loss factors in determining the predicted illuminance levels. For designs where constant light is utilized, a single set of drawings showing target illuminance levels is sufficient.

An additional drawing may be necessary to evaluate the initial spill and glare values required to meet local ordinances.

### 5. Measurement of Light Quantity

#### a. Area of Light Quantity

The areas for which measurements are to be taken and the points of measurement within that area are shown in the appendix. It is important that measurements be taken at all of the points to meaningfully establish that the standards for quantity and standards are being met for the facility.

#### b. Methods of Measuring Light Quantities

The light sensing surface of the light meter should be held 36 inches above the playing surface with the sensing surface horizontal so that it detects light coming downward to the sensing surface from all directions around the ball field. Testing equipment for measurement of light should be a cosine and color-corrected light meter regularly calibrated in footcandles.

#### c. Grid Spacing

Submitted computer models depicting the measurements of light should be generated on a grid of a specified number of points covering a stated area on an equally spaced grid. See the chart shown in the appendix for the exact specifications for the area to be lighted, grid spacing, and minimum number of grid points for each field.

### 6. Maintained Alignment

#### a. Luminaire Alignment

The sports lighting manufacturer's warranty should include accurate alignment of the fixtures. The current technology of lighting equipment has precise intense beams — the misalignment of individual fixtures by a few degrees can significantly impact the appearance of the field. Misaligned fixtures can also result in undesirable glare for players and spectators.

## **b. Pole Alignment**

Twisting or leaning of poles can also result in misalignment of fixtures, thereby altering the quantity and quality of light on the field. Wood poles should not be used due to the potential of the longitudinal fibers of the pole to twist. The foundation for the poles should also be designed with sufficient strength to prohibit the pole from leaning, which could likewise misalign the lights. Foundations should be certified by a Registered Professional Engineer licensed in the State of North Carolina.

## **7. Pole Locations**

Pole locations should be positioned, as established by the layouts shown in the appendix, to keep the lights out of glare zones as defined in the IESNA RP-6-01, thus enhancing playability. Wherever possible, poles should be located outside of fences to avoid causing an obstruction and safety hazard to the play of the game.

## **8. Vertical Aiming Angles**

To enhance playability on the field, reduce glare, and minimize spill light, minimum pole heights should be defined in the project specifications based on site conditions to ensure proper vertical aiming angles. Refer to notes about minimum vertical aiming angles in the appendix. Certain sites may require steeper vertical angles due to enhanced spill and glare concerns.

## **9. Aiming Recapture**

The lighting equipment should include a mechanical device for recapturing the original aiming when it is necessary to move the fixture.

## **10. Ballast and Capacitor Weight**

The ballast and capacitor for each fixture, as well as fixture fusing, should be mounted off the fixture and crossarm and be mounted onto the pole at stepladder height to avoid problems of misalignment of the fixture caused by the weight of the ballast and capacitor. Additionally, this creates safer conditions and a more economical solution for servicing and maintenance. This is commonly referred to as a remote ballast system. Refer to page 20 and page 79 of the IESNA RP-6-01 "Recommended Practice for Sports and Recreational Area Lighting" for advantages of remote ballasts.

## **11. Aiming Diagram**

The manufacturer should supply a drawing showing the aiming alignment of each fixture with the measurement referencing the field and the pole locations.

# **B. Life-Cycle Costs**

Schools in North Carolina continue to struggle with operating budgets. Because the efficiency of lighting systems currently available can vary greatly, schools should complete a life-cycle operating cost analysis when evaluating lighting systems. Owners should expect a quality lighting system to last a minimum of 25 years.

These standards provide a Life-Cycle Operating Cost Evaluation form to assist with the process. Items that should be included are energy consumption based upon the facilities expected usage, cost for spot relamping and maintenance, and any additional savings in energy or labor cost provided by automated on/off control systems.

Contract price and life-cycle operating cost should both be considered in determining a lighting manufacturer for the project.

# **C. Electrical**

## **1. Electrical System**

Electrical system shall consist of main service entrance panel, contactor cabinet for safe on/off operation, and branch electrical circuits feeding poles and luminaires. System design should conform to National Electric Code.

## **2. Fusing**

Each lighting fixture should be individually fused with UL Listed fused equipment rated for use with the system. Fusing shall be located in the remote electrical enclosure located at ground servicing height on the pole.

## **3. Disconnects**

There should be provided at each pole a disconnect means located at the minimum height required by code to allow disconnecting of electrical power of the pole. This disconnect should be in addition to overcurrent protection provided at the distribution panel for the each individual circuit.

#### **4. Grounding**

All poles, fixtures, and distribution panels should be grounded according to National Electric Code recommendations. It is important to verify the ground and grounding connections.

#### **5. Lightning Protection**

Each pole or structure supporting lighting equipment should be equipped with lightning protection as established by NFPA 780 (National Fire Protection Association). Note: In many instances the supplemental ground may not provide adequate lightning ground, creating the potential for a faulted electrical system in the case of a lightning strike.

#### **6. Enclosed Rigid Cover**

All conductors above grade should be enclosed in rigid metallic or liquid type flex conduit unless they are in the interior of the pole.

#### **7. Lockable Hinged Enclosures**

All enclosures of electrical conductors that are hinged and designed to be opened should be lockable and should be kept locked except during times of access for operation or service. Access should be by means of lock or special tool.

#### **8. Electrical Conductor Wires**

All electrical conductor wires for distribution of power around the playing field should be buried underground at depths as required by NEC or by applicable local code that may supersede NEC. Conductor wires should be copper. No shared neutral is allowed.

#### **9. Drawings of the Electrical System of the Lighting Structure**

The lighting equipment manufacturer should provide a drawing of the entire electrical system from the light fixtures at the top of the pole to the base of the pole that shows compliance with these standards and provides sufficient information for maintenance personnel.

#### **10. Drawings of Electrical Distribution**

The electrical designer should provide electrical drawings certified by a Registered Professional Engineer licensed in the State of North Carolina. These drawings should illustrate the electrical system from the base of the pole to the transformer provided by the utility company. These drawings should be in compliance with and/or be approved by the local authority regulating electrical systems and should incorporate the lighting system designs provided by the lighting manufacturer.

#### **11. Underwriter Laboratory Listing**

The lighting and electrical equipment on ballfield and court lighting structures should have a UL Listing to confirm that the equipment has passed the safety tests of Underwriters Laboratory, not only as to the individual components, but also as to the use of the components in the configuration of the lighting system on the field.

#### **12. Non-Compliance with the Standards**

Deviation from these standards for electrical systems may occur only after approval of written documentation signed by an electrical engineer licensed in the state. The documentation should state the reason why it is necessary to deviate from the standards and state how a safe electrical system will be achieved using the alternate standards.

#### **13. Strain Relief**

The wiring harness should be supported at the top of the pole by a stainless steel wire mesh grip matched to the size and number of conductors within the harness. There should not be more than 13 conductors supported by a single wire mesh grip. If the pole height is greater than 80 feet, an interim wire mesh grip support should be located approximately half way down the pole.

#### **14. Voltage Drop**

The installing contractor should verify that voltage drop does not exceed 3% of nominal voltage.



## **D. Structures**

### **1. Strength of Foundation**

There should be calculations and documentation certified by a Registered Professional Engineer licensed in the State of North Carolina, illustrating that the foundation design is adequate to withstand the forces imposed from the pole, lighting fixtures, and other attachments to prevent the structure from leaning or failing.

- a. Foundations should be made of reinforced concrete and should provide for pole attachment at a minimum of 18 inches above the ground to avoid corrosive deterioration. Poured foundations containing reinforcing steel should cure a minimum of 28 days before any stress loads are applied.
- b. Poles and other support structures, brackets, arms, bases, anchorages, and foundations shall be determined based on the 50-year mean recurrent isotach wind maps for the appropriate county per the North Carolina State Building Code, which uses the International Building Code (IBC) as a basis for the building code standard. Luminaire, visor, and crossarm shall withstand 150 mph winds and maintain luminaire aiming alignment.
- c. Any backfill of excavated soil should be replaced with concrete to ensure adequate compressive strength, which will avoid leaning and misalignment of the pole.
- d. The design criteria for these specifications are based on soil design parameters as outlined in the geotechnical report. If a geotechnical report is not provided by the school, the foundation design shall be based on soils of a Class 5 material as defined by 2001 IBC, Table 1804.2-I-A.

### **2. Strength of Pole**

The stress analysis and safety factor of the poles shall conform to AASHTO Standard Specifications for Structural Supports for Highway Signs, Luminaires, and Traffic Signals.

- a. Galvanized steel and concrete are the recommended pole materials.
- b. Recommended foundation types include: direct buried prestressed concrete poles, direct buried prestressed concrete base with a slip fit steel pole shaft, or a poured-in-place concrete foundation with anchor bolts and a base plate galvanized steel pole. It is recommended that all pole bases be of concrete construction in the ground and to a point 18 inches above the ground to avoid corrosive deterioration. Foundations designed with direct embedment steel components are not recommended.

### **3. Lightning**

All structures should meet the NFPA 780 lightning protection code as referenced in section 3-1.1.

## **E. Quality Assurance**

1. Field observation of the foundations should be made by the Lead Architect and/or the structural/geotechnical design consultant to ensure proper installation.
2. Upon completion of the installation of the lighting system, it is in the best interest of the school system that the light levels be tested in order to ensure compliance to these lighting standards by the manufacturer supplying the system and the contractor who has installed the system. A formal light test, using a calibrated light meter, should be conducted in the presence of the contractor, owner, lighting design team or associated consultants, and lighting manufacturer's representative, to verify initial light levels. The light meter should be held in a horizontal position at the locations determined by the computer light scan originally supplied by the manufacturer. The readings should be recorded and compared to the original initial light level predictions. If the uniformities and overall footcandle average of the readings do not meet or exceed the specified levels, the contractor/manufacturer of the system should be required to bring the system into compliance. Final testing should be conducted in accordance with IESNA publications LM-5-96, IESNA RP-6-01, and LM-54-91.
3. To help ensure the safety of the players and spectators, it is recommended that each school or school district develop a regularly scheduled maintenance program. At a minimum, the following items should be addressed:

#### **a. Visual Testing**

Should be performed annually prior to the start of a season on lamps, lenses, conduit, pole, fuses, ballasts, grounding connections, and breaker boxes to ensure integrity and performance of the system. (Refer to Maintenance Checklist provided in the Appendix)

### **b. Performance Audits**

Audits should be performed annually prior to the start of a season on light levels, lamps, lenses, conduit, pole, fuses, ballasts, grounding connections, and breaker boxes to ensure integrity and performance of the system. (Refer to the Maintenance Checklist and the Lighting Performance sections provided in the Appendix)

4. Group relamping should occur according to the manufacturer's recommended time frame such that the required maintained average light level is sustained.
5. Facilities with existing wood poles should conduct an annual inspection of aiming, alignment, and external electrical components. Additionally, core tests of the wood poles should be performed as recommended by the testing company or local utility.

## **II. Desirable Features**

The following practices are recommended for increasing the durability, energy efficiency, environmental sensitivity and cost effectiveness of the facility itself.

### **A. Lighting**

#### **1. Energy Efficiency**

Differences of more than 40% in the cost of operating lighting equipment can occur depending on the efficiency of the design of the equipment. For this reason, the most efficient lighting design should be considered.

#### **2. Dual Level Lighting**

Additional energy savings can be obtained on some gymnasiums through the use of dual level lighting. The dual level lighting will allow the system to operate at the light level that is most appropriate to the activity taking place at any given time. For example, a gymnasium may only be used for competitive play a few hours a day, with the remainder being used for practice or recreational use. The dual level lighting would allow for the lights to be operated in the high mode for competition events, while operating on a lower light level during the remainder of the time, thus conserving energy.

#### **3. Environmental Spill and Glare Control**

Many facilities are, or soon will be, located near residential properties, creating the possibility of spill and glare onto adjoining properties. Plus, many communities have enacted lighting ordinances that must be adhered to. Consideration should be given to this issue during the initial lighting design stage, so as to minimize this effect. The lighting equipment manufacturer can assist in assessing this issue and provide drawings showing maximum footcandles at any point of concern on adjacent properties. Do not hesitate to investigate a manufacturer's reputation, abilities, and past experiences in working with local authorities and private property owners regarding glare and spill issues.

### **B. Warranty**

When comparing products, the manufacturers' warranty should also be evaluated. The quality of the warranty reflects a manufacturer's confidence in the long-term durability of their equipment. Considerations include the extent of the equipment covered, the duration of the warranty, and whether the warranty provides a guarantee of light levels during the warranty period. From the owner's perspective, the warranty offers the opportunity to reduce costs for equipment repair. Comprehensive warranties covering parts and labor are available for up to 25 years.

### **C. Servicing Issues**

Consideration should be given to the method of servicing the top of the pole for lamp replacements and other maintenance concerns that can't be reached with a ladder. The preferred method of servicing should be with a bucket truck or crane. However, when accessibility is restricted due to pole locations, an alternative method should be utilized. Acceptable alternative methods include steps, safety cables, and platforms.

### **D. Security and Parking Lot Lighting**

There should be sufficient lighting in and around athletic facilities to prevent unsafe and inappropriate actions. The parking areas, major areas utilized for passage, and areas immediately bordering the facilities should be lighted to the minimum levels required to meet local codes and the recommendations found in the IESNA publications RP-20-98 "Guidelines on Security Lighting for People, Property and Public Spaces" and G-1-03 "Lighting for Parking Facilities."

## **E. Emergency Lighting for Spectator Seating Area**

Consideration should be given to providing emergency lighting for spectator seating areas in case of loss of power at indoor and outdoor facilities. Refer to local building codes for specific requirements as they apply to athletic facilities.

For documents to assist in planning and installing lighting, contact the  
Deputy Executive Director at the NCHSAA office:

P.O. Box 3216  
Chapel Hill, NC 27515-3216  
919/962-2345

## LIFE-CYCLE OPERATING COST EVALUATION

*This form will assist you in comparing 25-year life-cycle operating costs from multiple manufacturers.  
Bid proposals will be evaluated based upon compliance with the specifications,  
contract price and the following life cycle operating cost evaluation.*

### BID ALTERNATE A:

<b>A.</b>	<b>Energy consumption</b> ____ Number of luminaires x ____ kW demand per luminaire x ____ kW rate x ____ annual usage hours x 25 years		
<b>B.</b>	<b>Demand charges, if applicable</b> ____ demand rate x ____ max kW consumption x ____ 12 months x 25 years	+	
<b>C.</b>	<b>Spot relamping and maintenance over 25 years</b> Assume ____ repairs at \$ ____ each if not included	+	
<b>D.</b>	<b>Group relamps during 25 years</b> ____ annual usage hours x 25 years / <u>lamp replacement hours</u> x \$125 lamp & labor x number of fixtures	+	
<b>E.</b>	<b>Extra energy used without control system</b> ____ % x Energy Consumption in item A.	+	
<b>F.</b>	<b>Extra labor without control system</b> \$ ____ per hour x ____ hours per on/off cycle x ____ cycles over 25 years	+	
<b>G.</b>	<b>TOTAL 25-Year Life Cycle Operating Cost</b>		

### BID ALTERNATE B:

<b>A.</b>	<b>Energy consumption</b> ____ Number of luminaires x ____ kW demand per luminaire x ____ kW rate x ____ annual usage hours x 25 years		
<b>B.</b>	<b>Demand charges, if applicable</b> ____ demand rate x ____ max kW consumption x ____ 12 months x 25 years	+	
<b>C.</b>	<b>Spot relamping and maintenance over 25 years</b> Assume ____ repairs at \$ ____ each if not included	+	
<b>D.</b>	<b>Group relamps during 25 years</b> ____ annual usage hours x 25 years / <u>lamp replacement hours</u> x \$125 lamp & labor x number of fixtures	+	
<b>E.</b>	<b>Extra energy used without control system</b> ____ % x Energy Consumption in item A.	+	
<b>F.</b>	<b>Extra labor without control system</b> \$ ____ per hour x ____ hours per on/off cycle x ____ cycles over 25 years	+	
<b>G.</b>	<b>TOTAL 25-Year Life Cycle Operating Cost</b>		

## SUBMITTAL INFORMATION

### Design Submittal Data Checklist and Certification

*This form will assist you in comparing proposals from various lighting manufacturers. All items listed below are mandatory, shall comply with the specification, and must be submitted according to your pre-bid submittal requirements.*

Included	Tab	Item	Description
	<b>A</b>	Letter/Checklist	Listing of all information being submitted must be included on the table of contents. List the name of the manufacturer's local representative and his/her phone number. Signed submittal checklist to be included.
	<b>B</b>	On Field Lighting Design	Lighting design drawing(s) showing: a. Field Name, date, file number, prepared by, and other pertinent data b. Outline of field(s) being lighted, as well as pole locations referenced to the center of the field (x & y), or home plate for baseball/softball fields. Illuminance levels at grid spacing specified c. Pole height, number of fixtures per pole, as well as luminaire information including wattage, lumens and optics d. Height of meter above field surface e. Summary table showing the number and spacing of grid points; average, minimum and maximum illuminance levels in foot candles (fc); uniformity including maximum to minimum ratio, coefficient of variance and uniformity gradient; number of luminaires, total kilowatts, average tilt factor; light loss factor. f. Manufacturers shall provide constant light level or provide both initial and maintained light scans using a maximum 0.70 Light Loss Factor to calculate maintained values.
	<b>C</b>	Off Field Lighting Design	Lighting design drawings showing spill light levels in footcandles as specified.
	<b>D</b>	Photometric Report (glare concerns only)	Provide photometric report for a typical luminaire used showing candela tabulations as defined by IESNA Publication LM-35-02. Photometric data shall be certified by laboratory with current National Voluntary Laboratory Accreditation Program or an independent testing facility with over 5 years experience.
	<b>E</b>	Life Cycle Cost calculation	Document life cycle cost calculations as defined on the Life Cycle Operating Cost Evaluation. Identify energy costs for operating the luminaires, maintenance cost for the system including spot lamp replacement, and group relamping costs. All costs should be based on 25 Years.
	<b>F</b>	Luminaire Aiming Summary	Document showing each luminaire's aiming angle and the poles on which the luminaires are mounted. Each aiming point shall identify the type of luminaire.
	<b>G</b>	Structural Calculations (if required)	Pole structural calculations and foundation design showing foundation shape, depth backfill requirements, rebar, and anchor bolts (if required). Pole base reaction forces shall be shown on the foundation drawing along with soil bearing pressures. Design must be stamped by a structural engineer in the state of North Carolina.
	<b>H</b>	Control and Monitoring	Manufacturer shall provide written definition and schematics for automated control system to include monitoring. They will also provide examples of system reporting and access for numbers for personal contact to operate the system.
	<b>I</b>	Electrical distribution plans	If bidding an alternate system, manufacturer must include a revised electrical distribution plan including changes to service entrance, panels and wire sizing, signed by a licensed Electrical Engineer in the state of North Carolina.
	<b>J</b>	Performance Guarantee	Provide performance guarantee including a written commitment to undertake all corrections required to meet the performance requirements noted in these specifications at no expense to the owner. Light levels must be guaranteed per the number of years specified.
	<b>K</b>	Warranty	Provide written warranty information including all terms and conditions.
	<b>L</b>	Project References	Manufacturer to provide a list of project references of similar products completed within the past three years.
	<b>M</b>	Product Information	Complete set of product brochures for all components, including a complete parts list and UL Listings.
	<b>N</b>	Non-Compliance	Manufacturer shall list all items that do not comply with the specifications.
	<b>O</b>	Compliance	Manufacturer shall sign off that all requirements of the specifications have been met at that the manufacturer will be responsible for any future costs incurred to bring their equipment into compliance for all items not meeting specifications and not listed in item N – Non-Compliance.

**Manufacturer:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Signature:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Contact Name:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Date:** \_\_\_\_/\_\_\_\_/\_\_\_\_

## APPENDIX

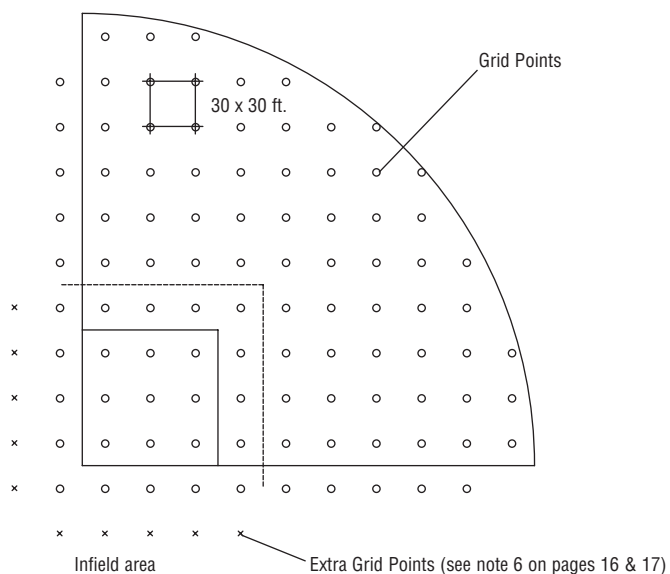
### Field Dimensions, Grid Spacing, and Grid Points of Typical Facilities

Typical Facilities			
Area of Lighting	Playing Dimensions (feet)	Grid Spacing (feet)	Minimum # of Grids
Baseball, Infield	90' x 90'	30' x 30'	25
Baseball, Outfield	Dimensions Vary	30' x 30'	Varies
Softball, Infield	60' x 60'	20' x 20'	25
Softball, Outfield	Dimensions Vary	20' x 20'	Varies
Football	360' x 160'	30' x 30'	72
Soccer	360' x 180'	30' x 30'	72
Lacrosse	330' x 180'	30' x 30'	66
Field Hockey	300' x 180'	30' x 30'	60
Rugby	330' x 180'	30' x 30'	66
Tennis	78' x 36'	20' x 20'	15
Gymnasiums	94' x 50'	10' x 10'	50
Track and Field	Dimensions Vary	30' x 30'	Varies

### Light Level Grid Point Layouts

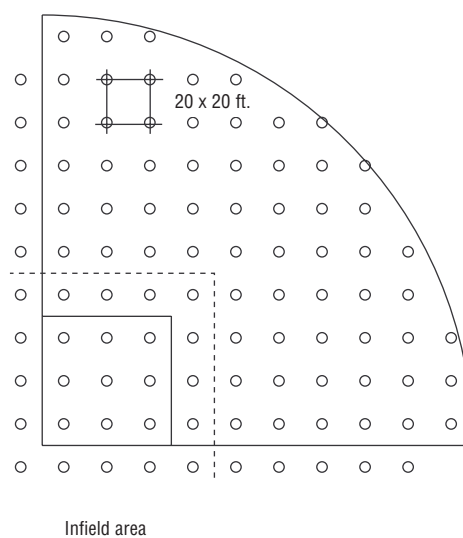
#### Baseball

300' radius field shown



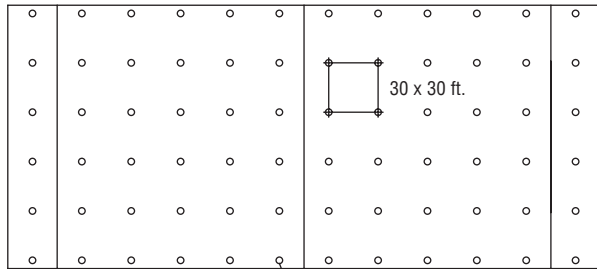
#### Softball

200' radius field shown



## Football

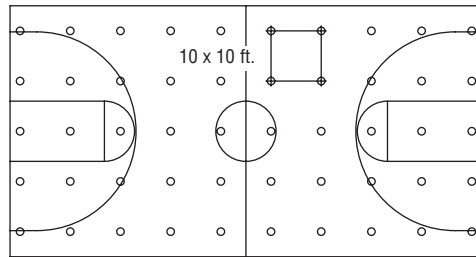
360' x 160' field shown



Grid Points

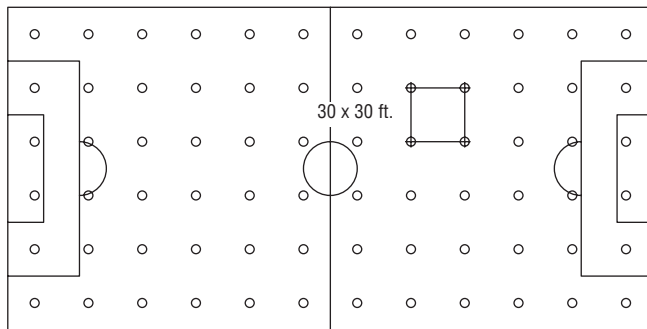
## Gymnasium

94' x 50' court shown



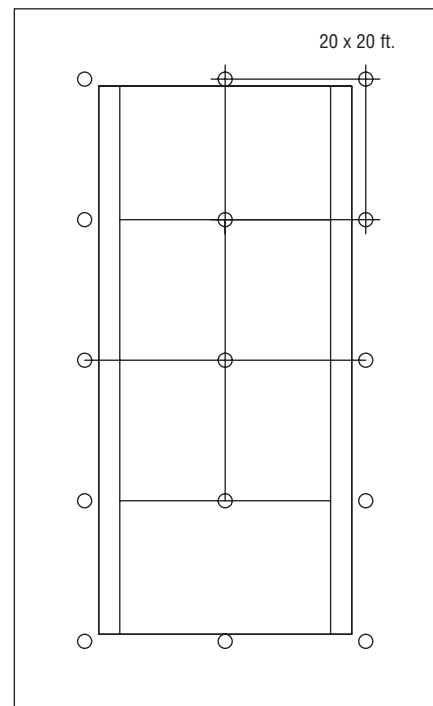
## Soccer

360' x 180' field shown



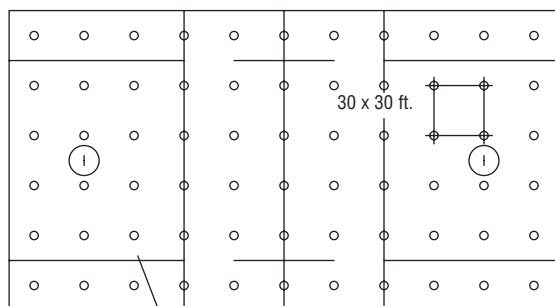
## Tennis

78' x 36' court shown



## Lacrosse

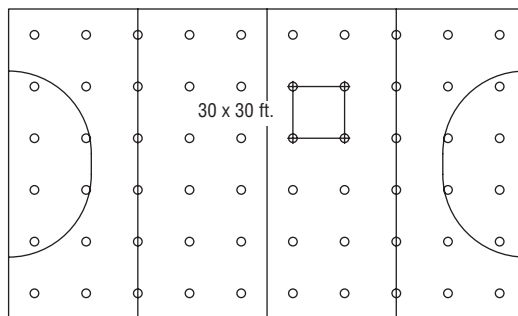
330' x 180' field shown



Grid Points

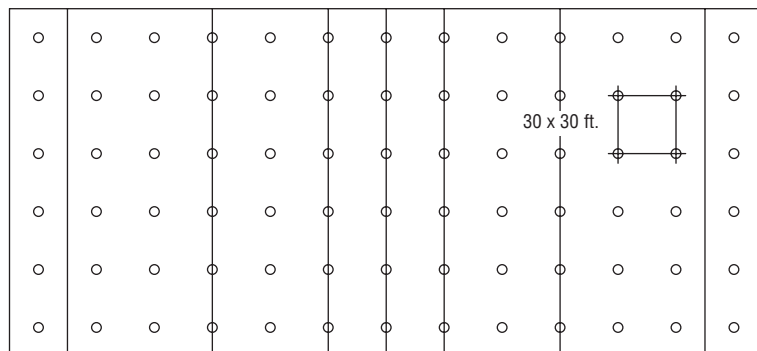
## Field Hockey

300' x 180' field shown



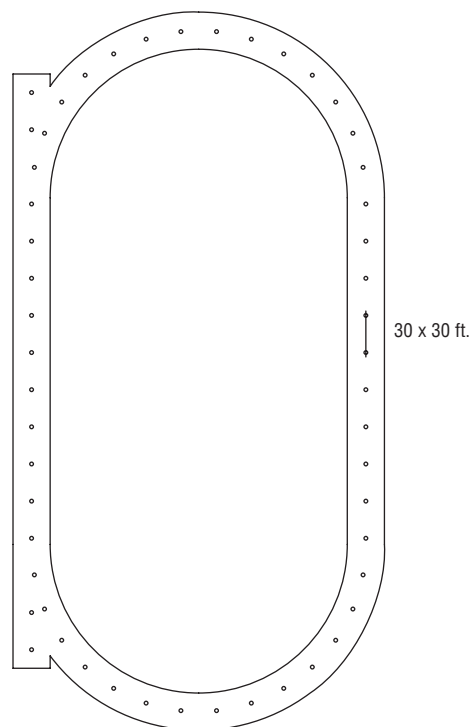
## Rugby

330' x 180' field shown (not including end zones)



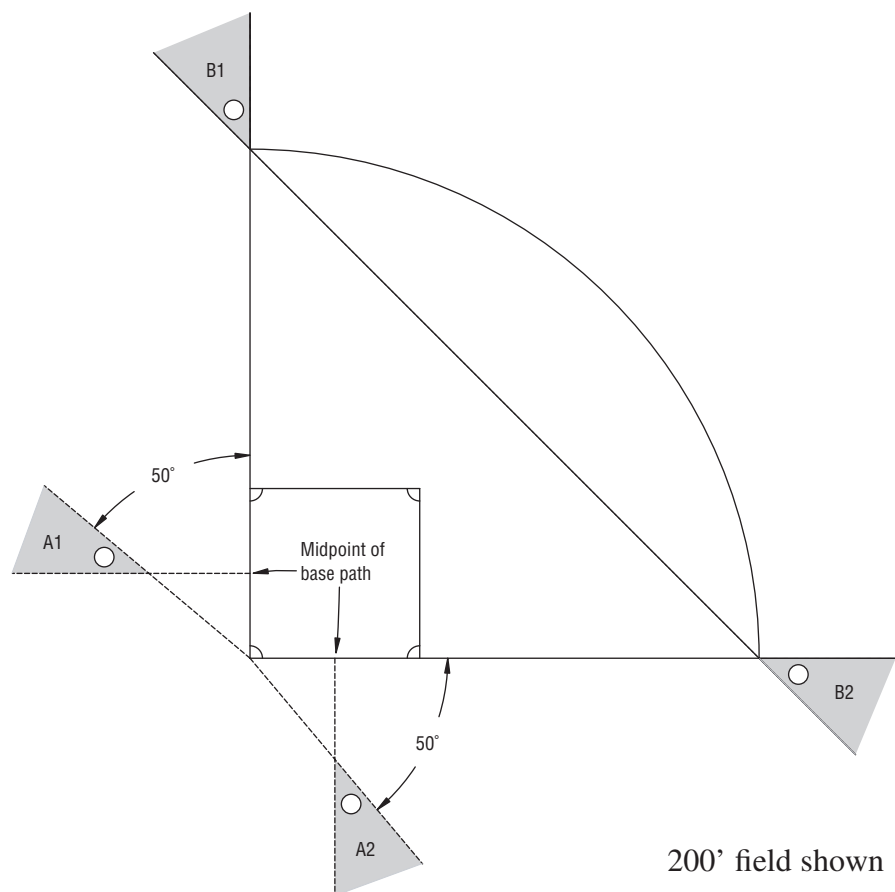
## Track

400 meter, 8 lane track shown





## Pole Location Diagrams

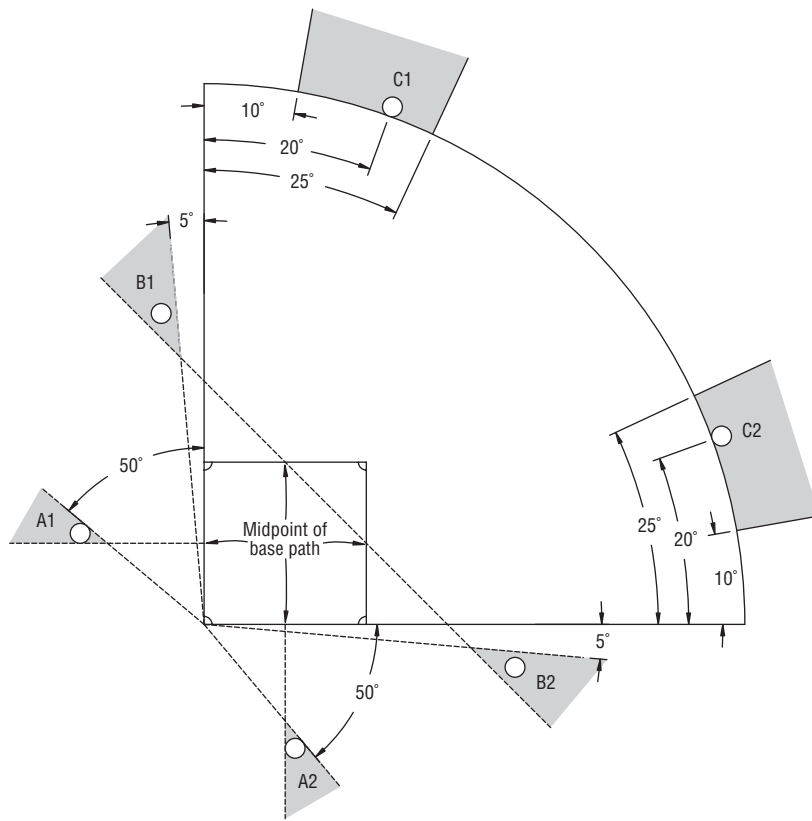


### 4-Pole Softball Field

1. Poles are shown in optimal locations. Other permissible pole locations are indicated by the shaded areas.
2. For fields with a radius of 250 feet or greater, a 6-pole design is recommended.
3. Line drawn through the two “A” pole locations should be behind home plate to ensure lighting the portion of the ball the batter sees as it crosses home plate.
4. Vertical aiming angle should be 25 degrees minimum on fixtures aimed to the infield and 21 degrees minimum on fixtures aimed to the outfield. The angles are measured from below a horizontal plane at fixture height.

**Note:**

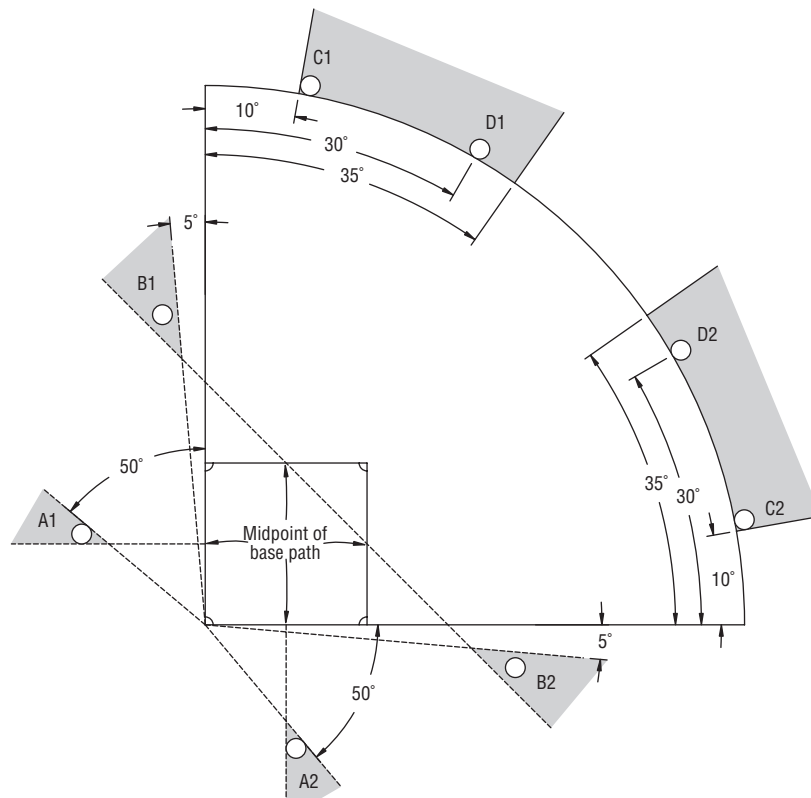
IES standards have not addressed issues for 4-pole design on softball fields. Design criteria are based upon actual practices used on 250' and smaller fields and standards adopted by Little League Baseball® and ASA Softball based upon testing done on their facilities.



300' field shown

## 6-Pole Baseball/Softball Field

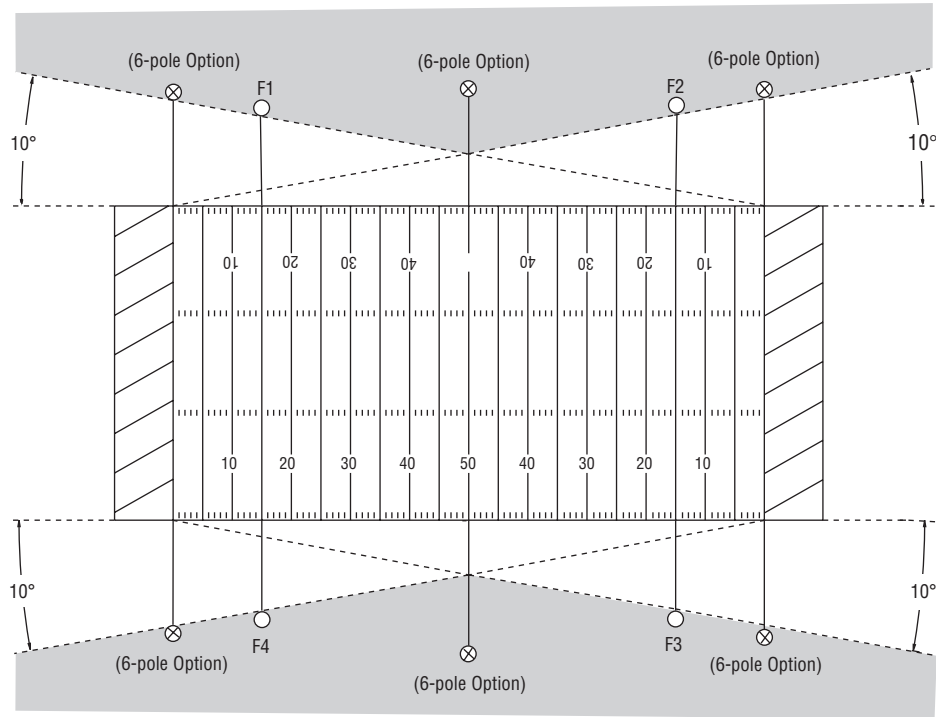
1. Poles are shown in optimal locations. Other permissible pole locations are indicated by the shaded areas.
2. For fields with a radius of 320 feet or greater, an 8-pole design is recommended.
3. Line drawn through the two "A" pole locations should be behind home plate to ensure lighting the portion of the ball the batter sees as it crosses home plate.
4. Consideration should be given to locating "B" poles further toward the outfield locations. This positioning towards the outfield foul pole allows the ball to be lighted in a more constant perpendicular illuminance as it travels from the infield to the outfield.
5. Vertical aiming angle should be 25 degrees minimum on fixtures aimed to the infield, and 21 degrees minimum on fixtures aimed to the outfield. The angles are measured from below a horizontal plane at fixture height.
6. If the distance between home plate and the backstop is greater than 40 feet, an additional grid should be created to include 10 additional grid points. The average light level for this additional grid should meet or exceed the design criteria for the outfield points.



325' field shown

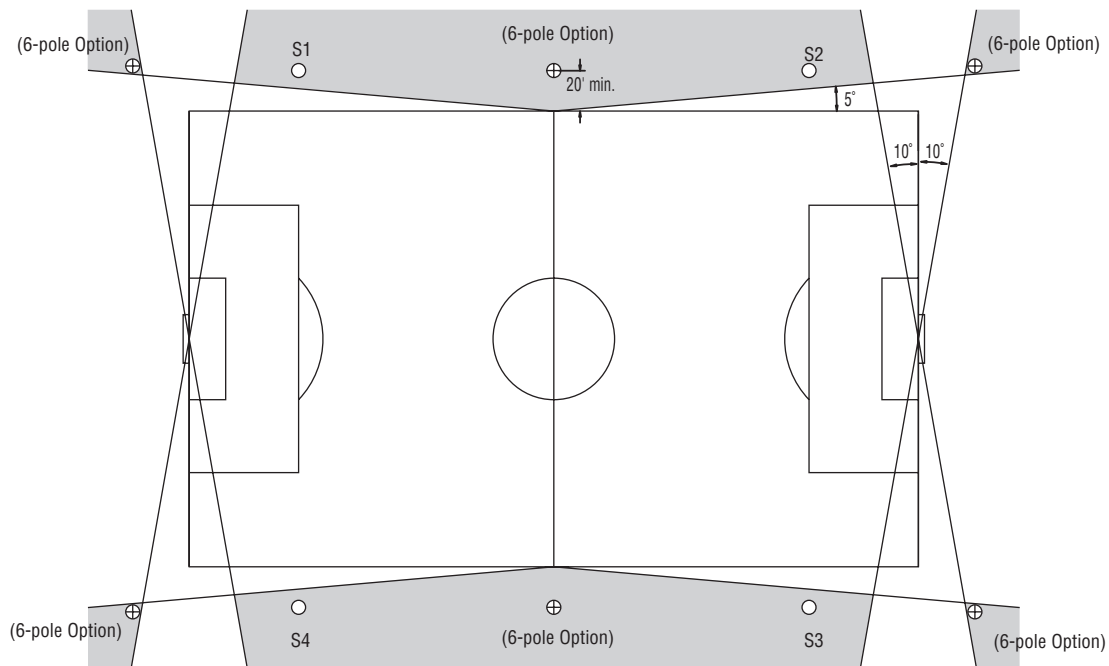
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2. Line drawn through the two “A” pole locations should be behind home plate to ensure lighting the portion of the ball the batter sees as it crosses home plate.
3. Consideration should be given to locating “B” poles further towards outfield locations. This positioning towards the outfield foul pole allows the ball to be lighted in a more constant perpendicular illuminance as it travels from the infield to the outfield.
4. “B” poles may be located 10 feet closer to the infield as long as they maintain a position outside the 5 degree arc. The shaded area is preferable.
5. Vertical aiming angle should be 25 degrees minimum on fixture aimed to the infield, and 21 degrees minimum on fixtures aimed to the outfield. The angles are measured from below a horizontal plane at fixture height.
6. If the distance between home plate and the backstop is greater than 40 feet, an additional grid should be created to include 10 additional grid points. The average light level for this additional grid should meet or exceed the design criteria for the outfield points.



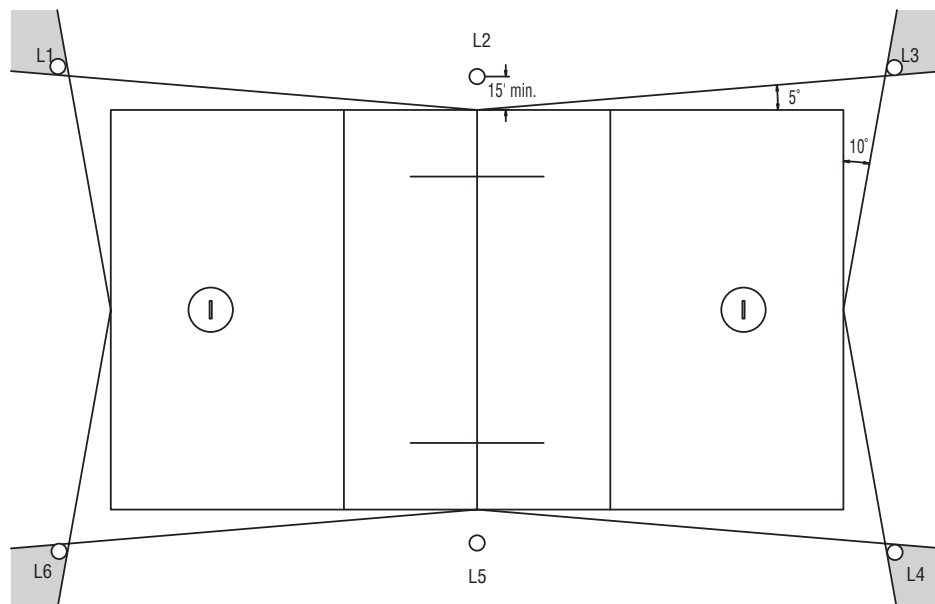
## Football Field

1. Poles are shown in optimal locations. Other permissible pole locations are indicated by the shaded areas. All poles should be at least 30 feet from the sideline.
2. On a 4-pole design, the optimum location is on the 15 yard line.
3. For the 6-pole option, the setback of middle poles will depend on the presence of bleachers. The optimum location for the corner poles is between the goal line and the corner of the field.
4. Poles should be positioned so as not to pose a potential injury hazard.
5. Vertical aiming angle should be 21 degrees minimum. The angles are measured from below a horizontal plane at fixture height.



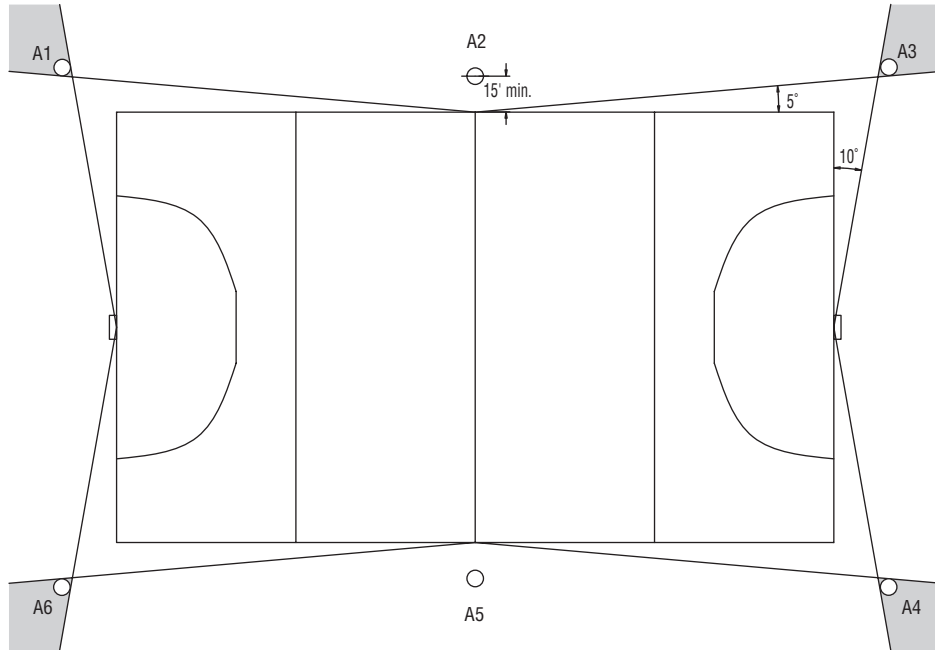
## Soccer Field

1. Poles are shown in optimal locations. Other permissible pole locations are indicated by the shaded areas. All poles should be at least 20 feet from the sideline.
2. On a 4-pole design, the optimum pole locations are (.35 x field length) from center of field.
3. In general, football lighting standards apply to soccer with the following considerations:
  - a. A corner kick is a specific visual task and general consideration should be given to facility design specifically for soccer.
  - b. The corner grid point shall be lit to no less than 90% of the average light level.
4. For combination football and soccer facilities, soccer should take precedence.
5. Vertical aiming angles should be 21 degrees minimum. The angles are measured from below a horizontal plane at fixture height.



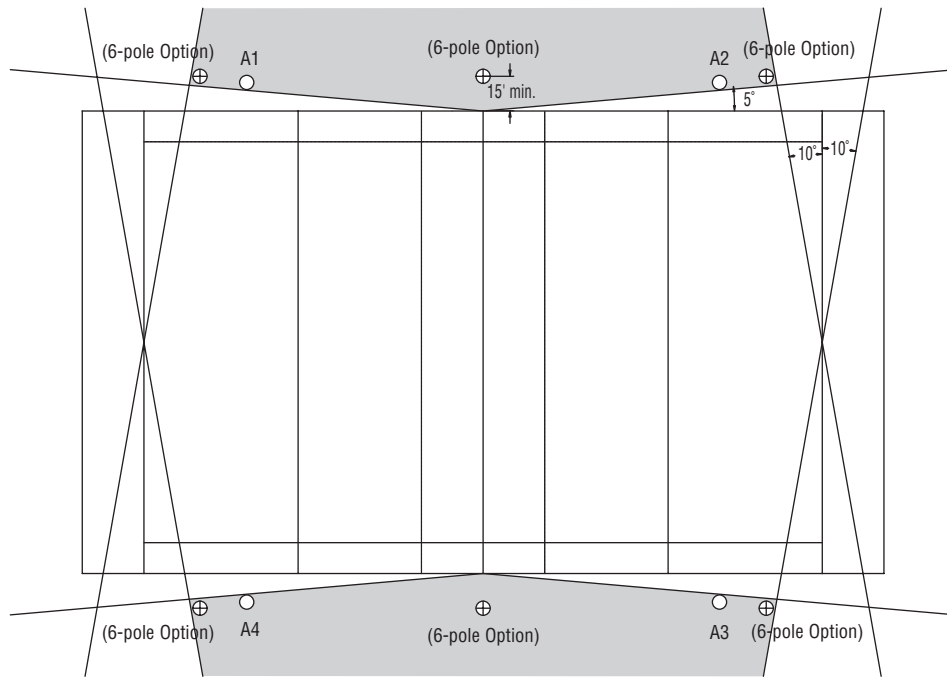
## Lacrosse Field

1. Poles are shown in optimal locations. Other permissible pole locations are indicated by the shaded areas. All poles should be at least 15 feet from the sideline.
2. Vertical aiming angle should be 21 degrees minimum. The angles are measured from below a horizontal plane at fixture height.
3. A 4-pole design utilizing corner location is permissible providing minimum aiming angles can be achieved.



## Field Hockey Field

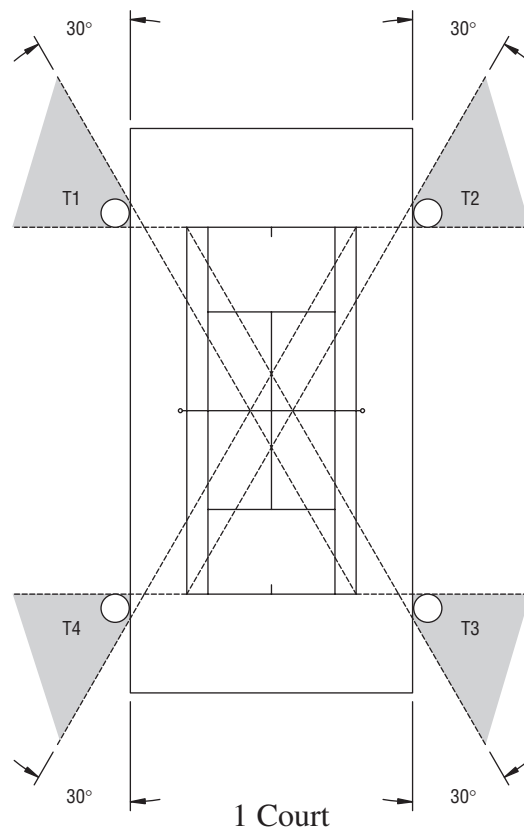
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## Rugby Field

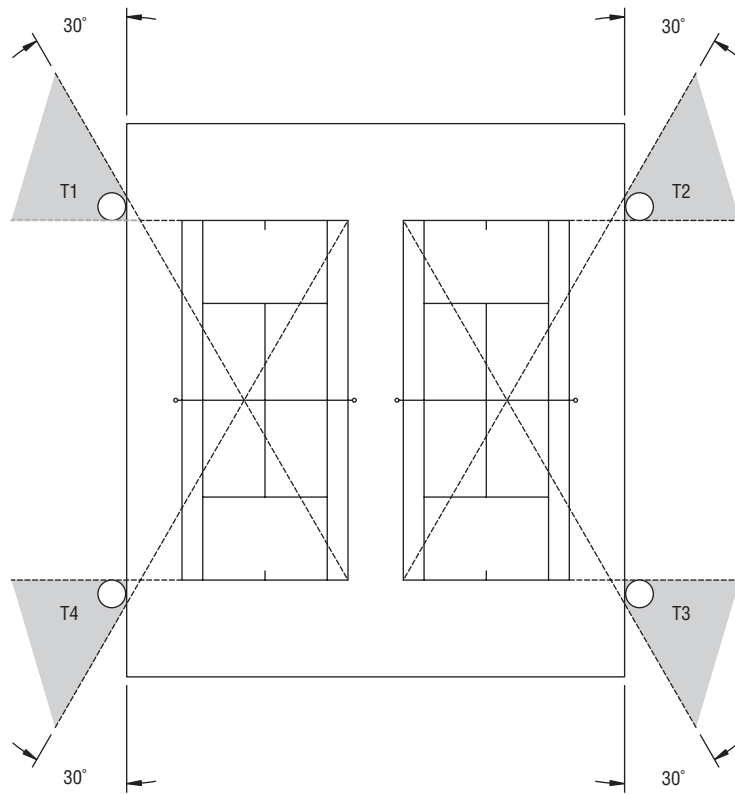
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3. Poles should be positioned so as not to pose a potential injury hazard.
4. Vertical aiming angle should be 21 degrees minimum. The angles are measured from below a horizontal plane at fixture height.



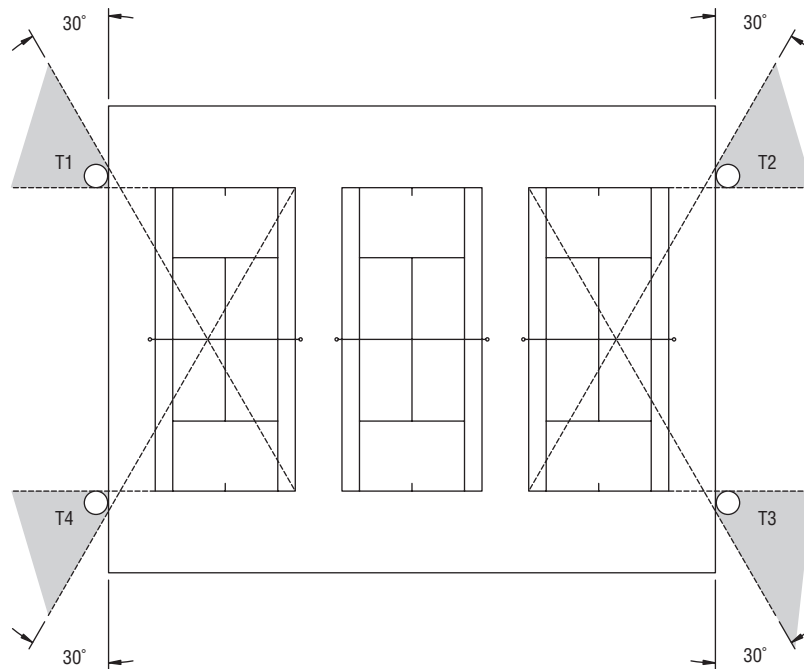


## Tennis Courts

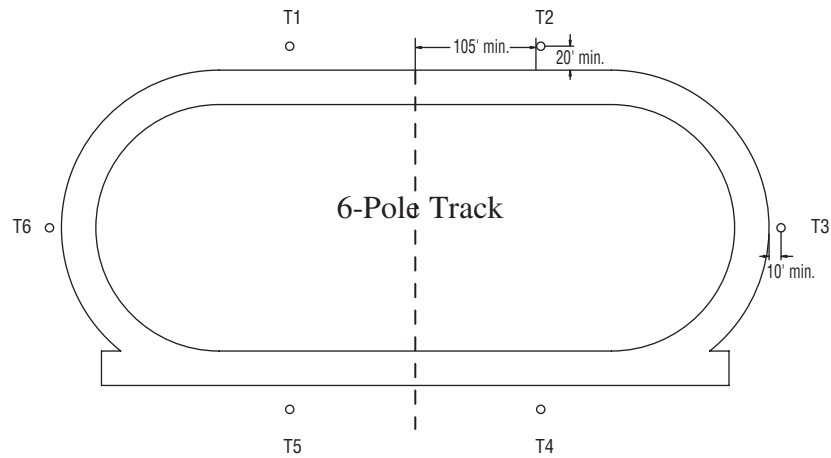
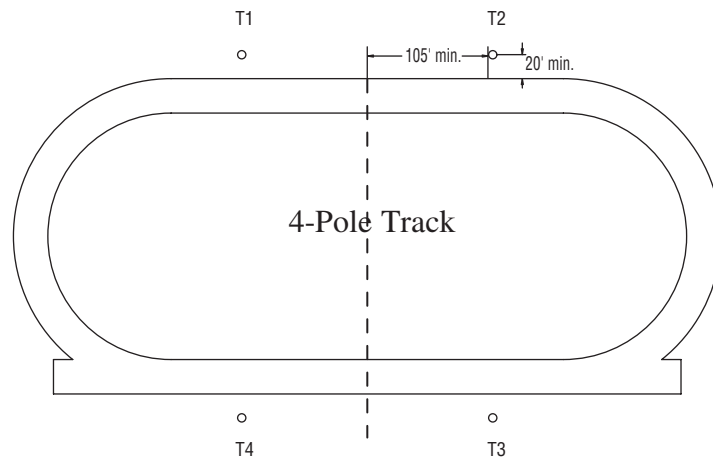
1. Poles are shown in optimal locations. Other permissible pole locations are indicated by the shaded areas.
2. It is not generally recommended to use a 6-pole layout with poles located at net lines. This position may be directly in the server's sight line with toss when the ball is served.
3. Vertical aiming angles should be 25 degrees minimum. The angles are measured from below a horizontal plane at fixture height.



2 Courts



3 Courts



## 400 Meter, 8 Lane Track

1. These pole locations are for typical stand-alone tracks.
2. For tracks built in conjunction with a football or soccer field, use the standard pole locations on the football design (page 15) or soccer design (page 16).
3. Vertical aiming angles should be 21 degrees minimum. The angles are measured from below a horizontal plane at fixture height.

# ANNUAL SYSTEM OPERATION & MAINTENANCE CHECKLIST

School Name \_\_\_\_\_ Field Name \_\_\_\_\_

Date of Inspection \_\_\_\_\_ Voltage/Phase \_\_\_\_\_ Date Installed \_\_\_\_\_

Type of Pole \_\_\_\_\_ Type/# of Luminaires \_\_\_\_\_

Inspected By \_\_\_\_\_ Contact Number \_\_\_\_\_

**WARNING!! Turn off electricity at power source and at safety disconnect on the pole.**

	OK	Needs Repair	Notes:
<b>Lighting Performance Testing</b>			
Use test forms for appropriate sport following this checklist			
• Average footcandles meet guidelines			
• Average uniformity meets guidelines			
<b>Service Entrance &amp; Pole Distribution Boxes</b>			
Check service panel for proper markings.			
• Emergency information should be visible.			
• Warning stickers, wiring diagrams, circuit labels and other servicing information signs should be posted and clearly legible.			
Test reset action on all service breakers.			
• Snap all breakers on and off several times to ensure firm contact.			
• If fuses are used at main service, check continuity.*			
Check the wiring.			
• Insulation around wiring should show no signs of deterioration.			
• Wiring should show no heat discoloration.			
Check all taped connections.			
• Signs of wear should be replaced.			
Make sure no live parts are exposed.			
• Bare wires and exposed connections should be wrapped with insulated covering.*			
Padlocks for service entrance & distribution boxes should be in place and operational.			
<b>Poles</b>			
Wood poles:			
Check to see that poles aren't leaning.			
• Leaning poles may be unsafe and replacement or re-installation and/or re-aiming may be necessary.			
Check for twisting.			
• If poles have moved, re-aiming of the fixtures may be necessary.			
Check for decay.			
• Wood poles decay from the inside out. Core testing is the best method to determine the condition and safety of the pole.			
Steel poles:			
Check baseplate for signs of deterioration.			
• Check anchor bolt for signs of corrosion.			
• Check grouting under pole to make sure proper drainage exists.			
Check for all pole access covers, replace missing covers.			
Cables and conduit:			
• Pull on conduit to check for looseness.			
• Check for loose fittings and damaged conduit.			
• All cables should be straight and properly strapped.*			
• If cables are exposed to the elements, make sure the insulation has the proper rating.*			
Check overhead wiring.			
• Wiring should be properly secured.			
• Check that new growth on tree branches and limbs won't obstruct or interfere with overhead wiring.			
<b>Luminaires</b>			
Check fixture housings.			
• Housings should show no sign of cracking and/or water leakage.			
Check lenses.			
• Clean lenses.			
• Replace broken lenses.			
Replace burned-out lamps.			
Check luminaire fuses.			
• Replace burned-out fuses.			
• Fuses should be the correct size.			
Insulation covering on wiring should show no signs of wear or cracking.			
Ground wire connections must be secure.			
Check around ballasts for signs of blackening.			
Check that capacitors aren't bulging.			
Check aiming alignment of all fixtures.			
• On wooden poles, see if crossarms are still aligned with the field and horizontal.			
<b>Ground</b>			
Check grounding connections.*			
Check nearby metal objects.			
• Make sure metal bleachers and other metal objects are located at least 6 feet from the electrical components.			
• Metal objects, such as bleachers, must have their own individual grounding system.			

\* These tests and/or repairs require the services of a qualified electrician.

# Lighting Performance Testing

To verify that your field meets the NCHSAA recommended standards, complete the performance testing information below. The inspection must be done using a light meter calibrated within the last 12 months. The light meter should be held horizontally 36 inches above the middle point of each square in the grid.

## Baseball/Softball

### To obtain average footcandle value:

Record light readings within each square.

Infield = Total of infield readings  $\div$  25

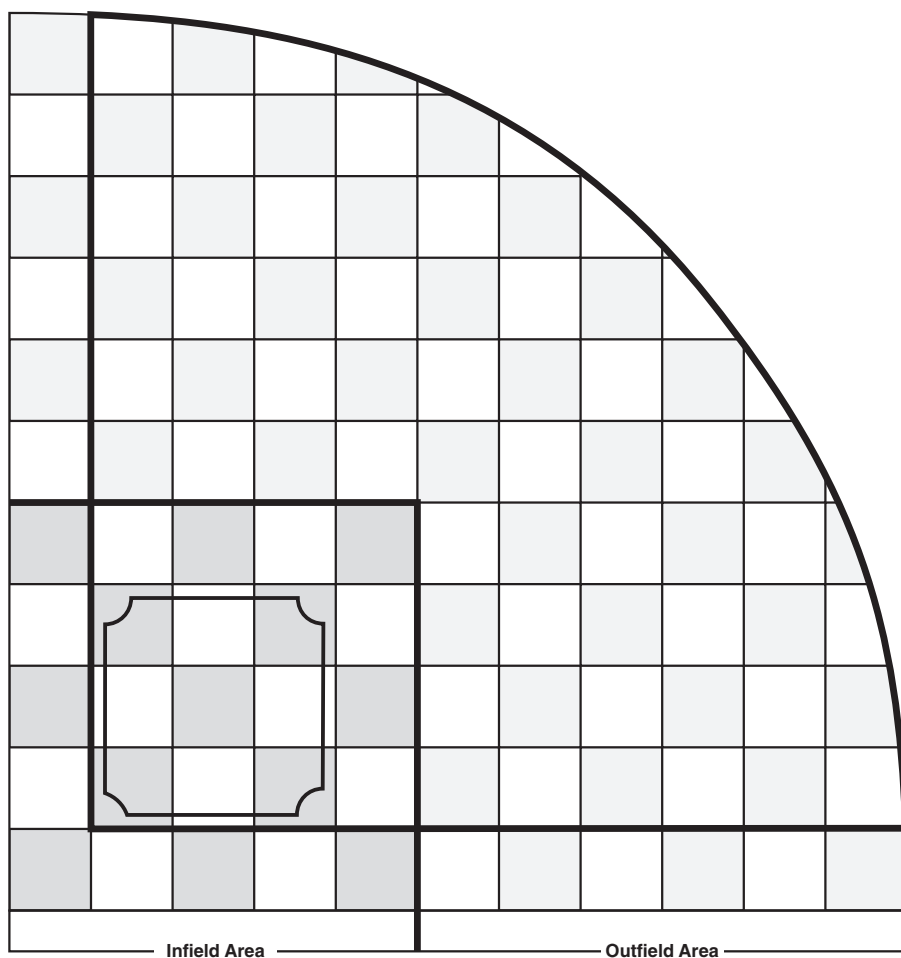
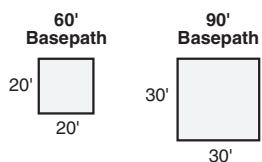
Outfield = Total of outfield readings  $\div$  number of readings.

### To obtain uniformity ratio for infield or outfield:

Divide highest (maximum) light level reading by the lowest (minimum) light level reading.

### For example:

61 footcandles  $\div$  31 footcandles = 2.1



## Football

### To obtain average footcandle value:

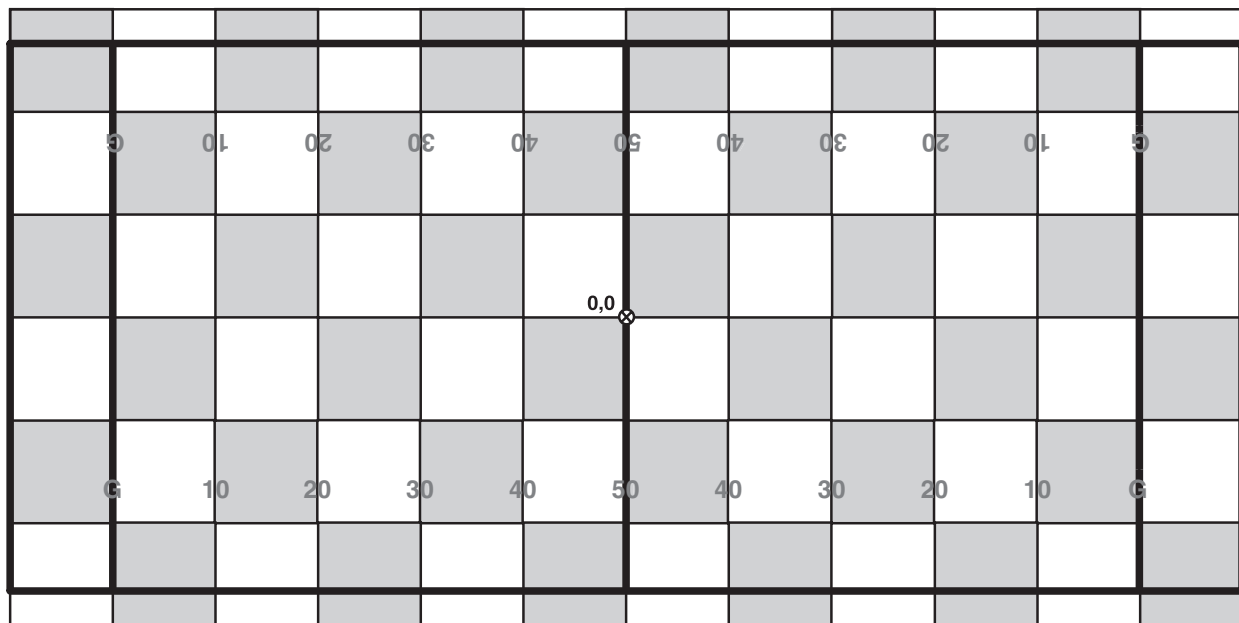
Record light readings within each square.

Total all readings, divide by total number of readings taken.

### To obtain uniformity ratio:

Divide highest (maximum) light level reading by the lowest (minimum) light level reading.

30' x 30' grid



## Soccer

### To obtain average footcandle value:

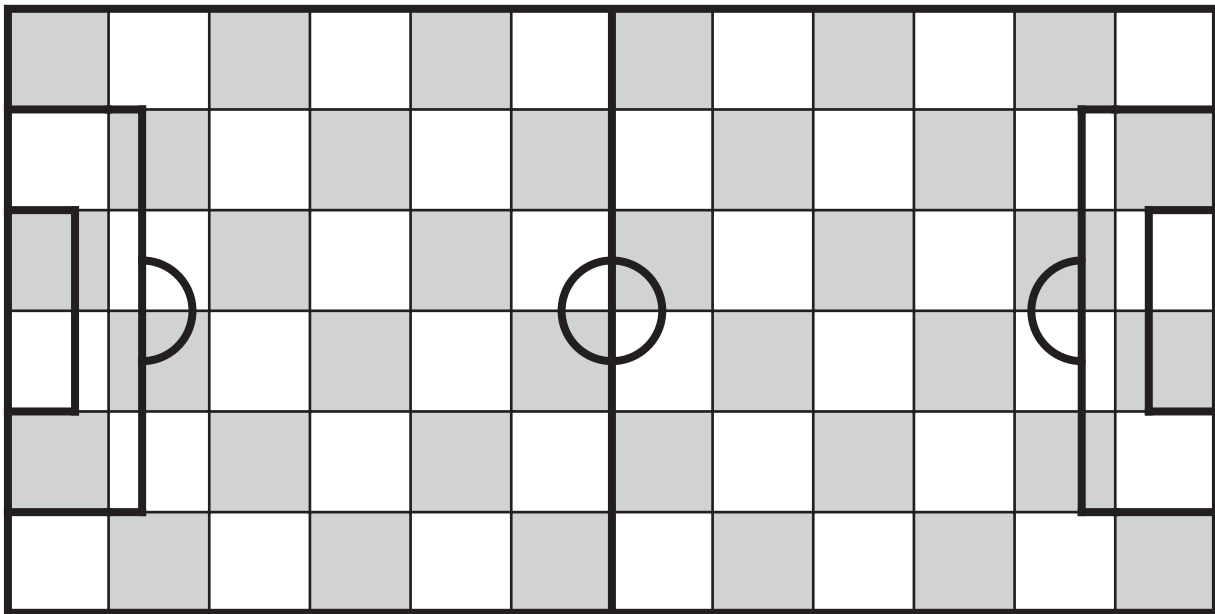
Record light readings within each square.

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### To obtain uniformity ratio:

Divide highest (maximum) light level reading by the lowest (minimum) light level reading.

30' x 30' grid



## Lacrosse

### To obtain average footcandle value:

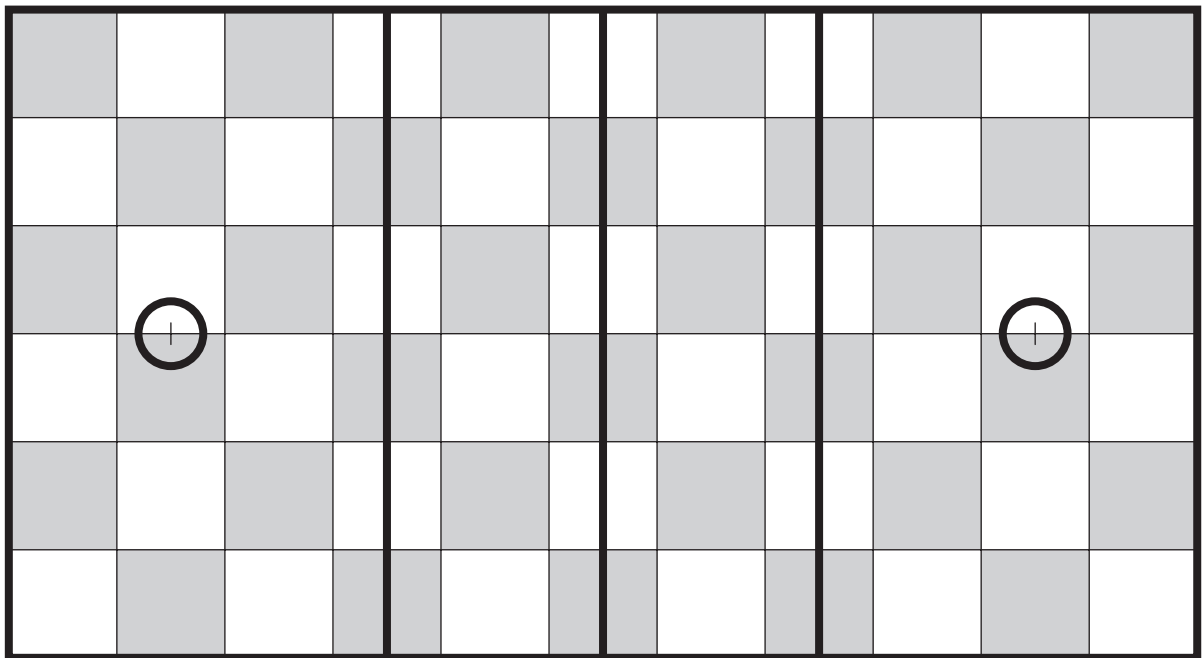
Record light readings within each square.

Total all readings, divide by total number of readings taken.

### To obtain uniformity ratio:

Divide highest (maximum) light level reading by the lowest (minimum) light level reading.

**30' x 30' grid**





## Field Hockey

### To obtain average footcandle value:

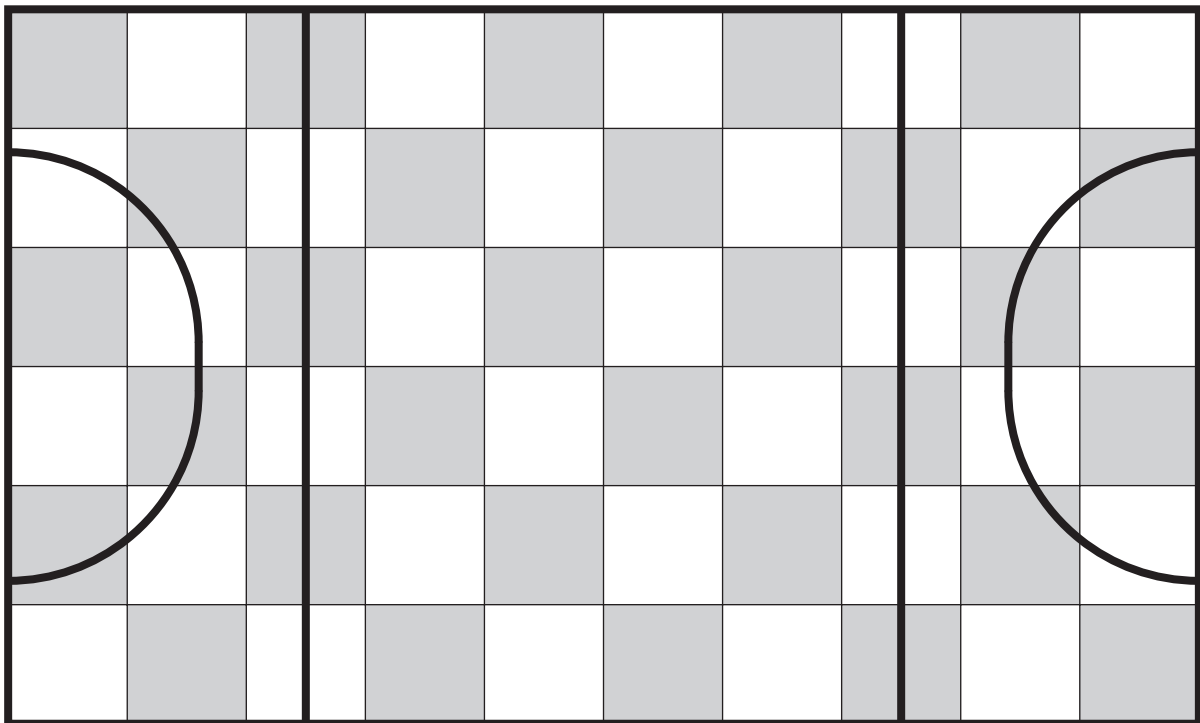
Record light readings within each square.

Total all readings, divide by total number of readings taken.

### To obtain uniformity ratio:

Divide highest (maximum) light level reading by the lowest (minimum) light level reading.

**30' x 30' grid**



## Basketball

### To obtain average footcandle value:

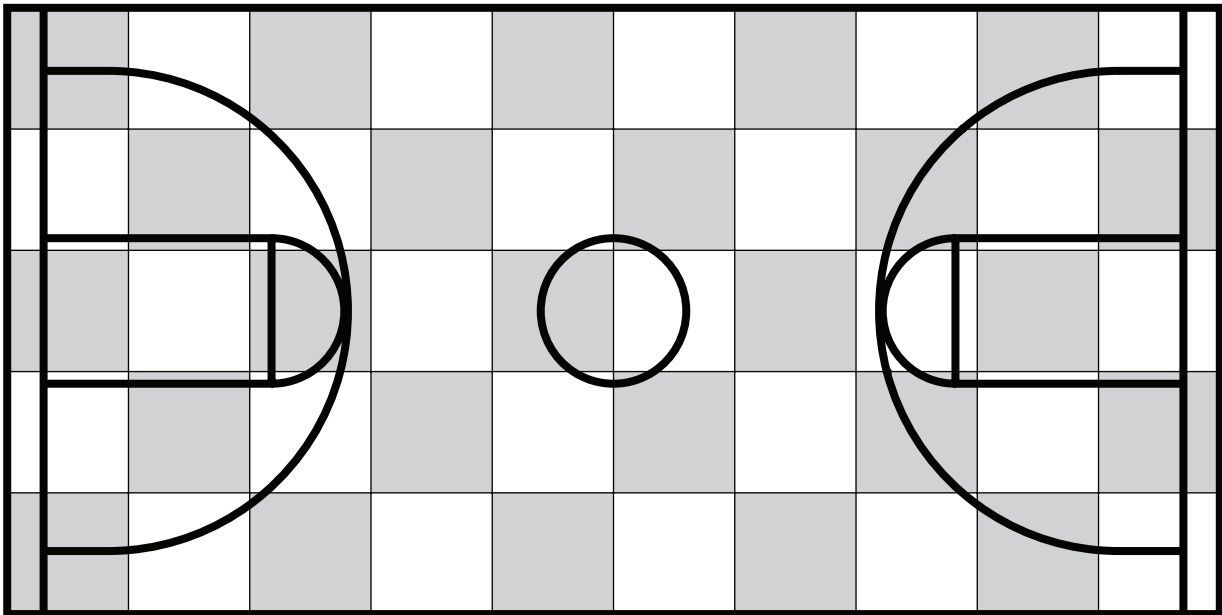
Record light readings within each square.

Total all readings, divide by total number of readings taken.

### To obtain uniformity ratio:

Divide highest (maximum) light level reading by the lowest (minimum) light level reading.

10' x 10' grid



## Tennis

### To obtain average footcandle value:

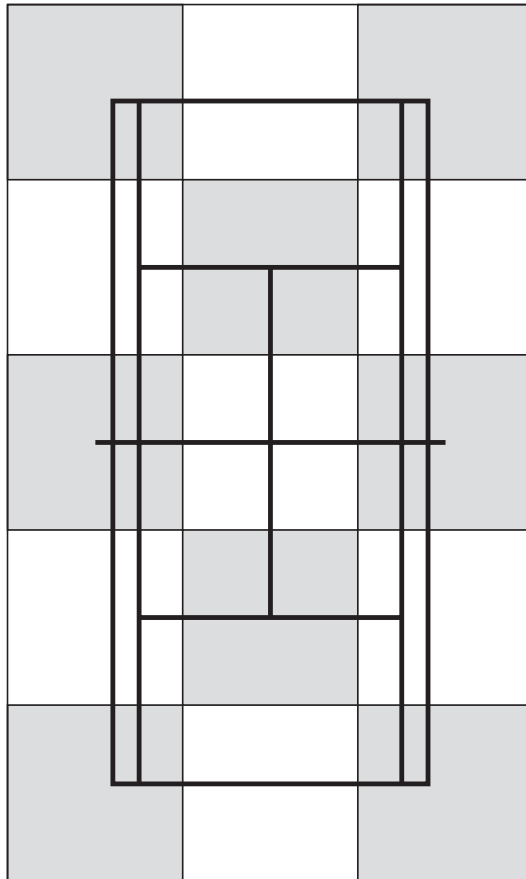
Record light readings within each square.

Total all readings, divide by total number of readings taken.

### To obtain uniformity ratio:

Divide highest (maximum) light level reading by the lowest (minimum) light level reading.

**10' x 10' grid**



## Rugby

### To obtain average footcandle value:

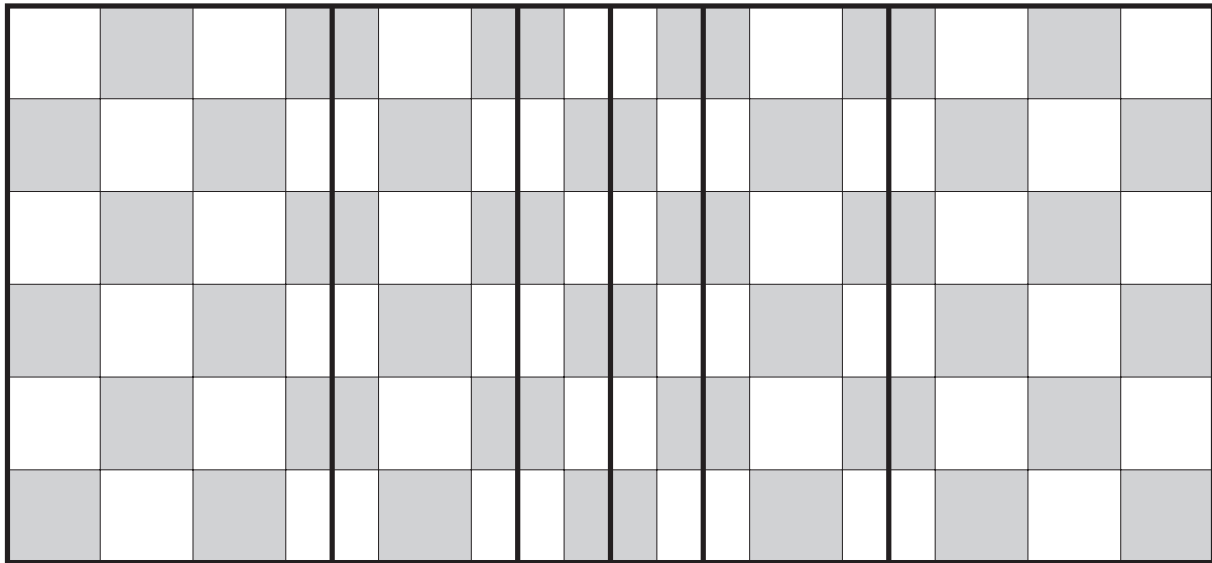
Record light readings within each square.

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### To obtain uniformity ratio:

Divide highest (maximum) light level reading by the lowest (minimum) light level reading.

**30' x 30' grid**



## Track

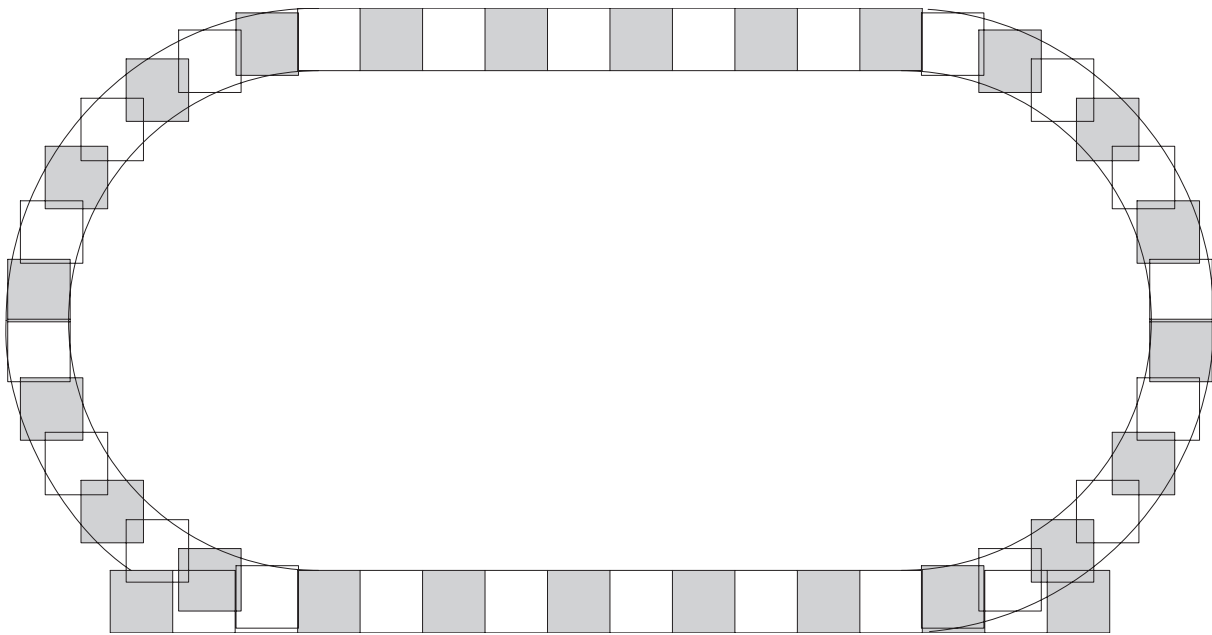
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Divide highest (maximum) light level reading by the lowest (minimum) light level reading.



## GLOSSARY

**Ballast** A transformer that delivers the proper operating voltage for high intensity discharge type lamps including metal halide lamps.

**Candlepower (CP)** Measurement of light intensity expressed in candelas. The directional characteristic of a light source is described by the candlepower in specific directions.

**Coefficient of Variation (CV)** A measurement of illuminance uniformity. The standard deviation of a set of grid values divided by the average.

**Constant Light Levels** The amount of light you can expect on the field at any given time over the extended life of the system.

**Footcandle** The measurement of light on a surface. One footcandle equals one lumen spread over one square foot.

**Glare** The sensation we experience when looking into an excessively bright light source that causes discomfort or a reduction in the ability to see. Glare can reduce the participant's ability to perform at their optimal level and/or cause discomfort to the spectators or surrounding neighbors.

**IESNA** Illuminating Engineering Society of North America. An organization that develops recommendations for sports lighting.

**Initial Light Levels** The average light levels when your lamps are new. Measuring initial light levels assures that you receive a system that meets your specifications. Your designer should provide scans showing what these levels will be.

**Light Loss Factor (LLF)** Formerly called maintenance factor, Light Loss Factor is a factor used in calculating illuminance over a given period of time and under given conditions. It accounts for light loss due to temperature and voltage variations, dirt accumulation on luminaire, lamp depreciation, maintenance procedures and atmosphere conditions. Light loss factors are divided into two groups, "Recoverable" and "Non-Recoverable." Recoverable light loss factors, such as lamp lumen depreciation, can be recovered by relamping, and Non-Recoverable light loss factors, such as tilt factor, cannot be recovered by the general maintenance processes.

**Lumen** A quantity measurement of light, used mostly in measuring the amount of light a lamp produces.

**Maintained Light Levels** The average illuminance below which the light level is not supposed to fall throughout system life. Actual values are calculated from measurements taken on the specified surface at the time maintenance is to be carried out. This process would typically use a lamp lumen value at 70 percent of rated lamp life). In order to achieve the desired "maintained" light level as the system ages, the maintenance interval must become shorter and shorter due to non-recoverable light loss factors. This maintenance interval is dependent on local environmental conditions and the installation's operational characteristics.

**Max. to Min. Uniformity Ratio** A design criteria to assure that light is distributed evenly across the entire field. A max/min uniformity ratio of 2:1 means that the brightest point is no more than double any other point.

**Metal Halide Lamp** A lamp that generates light by passing electrical current through metallic gases. The first choice for sports facilities because of efficiency and color.

**NEC** National Electric Code. A national safety code for electrical systems, which is the basis for most local codes.

**NEMA Type** A classification of reflectors. For example, a NEMA 2 reflector directs light in a narrow, focused beam allowing it to be projected a long distance. A NEMA 5 projects light a relatively short distance in a very wide beam. Most lighting designs use various combinations of NEMA types to get the desired results.

**NFPA** National Fire Protection Association. An organization that establishes and publishes various codes such as the Lightning Protection Code and the National Electric Code.

**Reflector** Key element of lighting optics. It surrounds the lamp and directs light to the field. The efficiency of the reflector determines how many light fixtures you have to buy and maintain.

**Remote Electrical Enclosure** A weatherproof enclosure that allows the heavy electrical gear to be moved from the top of lighting structures to a lower point where it can be serviced easily.

**Spill Light** Wasted light that falls off the field or is projected into the sky. Systems that can re-direct spill light back onto the field save dollars and keep neighbors content.

**Target Light Levels** The average illuminance below which the light level is not suppose to fail throughout system life.

**Tilt Factor** This factor is a function of the lamp position for each fixture and directly affects the lamp performance in that specific floodlight. It is part of the non-recoverable light loss factor. The lamp tilt factor should be used in computer calculations and appear on any output documentation. A tilt factor of 1.0 should not be used, unless the lamp data provided shows testing in the installed position.

**Underwriters Laboratories (UL)** Independent, not-for-profit product safety testing and certification organization. Visit [www.ul.org](http://www.ul.org) for additional information.

**Uniformity Gradient (UG)** Rate of change of illuminance between adjacent (grid) values.

**Vertical Aiming Angles** The degrees below horizontal that light fixtures are aimed at the field. Angles are measured from a horizontal plane at fixture height. Critical in safe, playable lighting design.

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