

VHSL STATE TOURNAMENT

Site Requirements

and

Bid Process

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INTRODUCTION

Fewer than 10% of the 180,000 participants in VHSL athletics and activities will have an opportunity to compete for a state championship. Just as the teams and individuals who participate in state events represent the finest in their chosen sports and activities, so, too, should the facilities in which those championships are contested be the best we can offer.

The following pages represent a first attempt at revising (and in some cases providing for the first time) minimum facilities requirements for state events. Each list provides requirements for hosting single and multiple tournament games. Specifications for hosting a quarterfinal or single game are presented in three sections –

Section A. Field/Court/Facility Requirements

This section provides specific dimensions and/or characteristics of the playing court or field beyond what may be "recommended" by rule.

Section B. Other Requirements

This section specifies other "generic" requirements related to contest administration, e.g., seating, parking, concessions, etc.

Section C. Other Considerations

This section contains additional aspects that may be considered when weighing a school's request to host.

In order to host a state tournament event (quarterfinal or single game), the proposed site must meet all of the criteria in Sections A and B.

Required seating minimums based primarily on the highest attendance within Group/Division during the most recent 3-year period rounded up to the next 100 have been provided.

Each VHSL region will be asked to identify facilities (school, municipal, or college) within the region that meet the minimum site requirements for each VHSL sport/activity. A matrix listing each school within a given region and each sport/activity will be provided to each Region Chair. Schools may also be asked to provide specific information via a questionnaire.

The League staff, with approval of the League Chairman, will make the final decision on sites, dates and times of all state playoff games – (quarterfinals, semifinals and finals). In sports where quarterfinals are played locally, the best available site in the general area of the host school will be selected. Normally, this will be a site within the host region. However, if no site within the host region meets the specified requirements, a site in a neighboring region may be selected. No agreement by the host school is required, but its recommendations will be considered.

REQUIRED SEATING MINIMUMS FOR STATE EVENTS

Required seating minimums based on highest attendance within Group/Division during the most recent 3-year period rounded up to the next 100.

BASEBALL

<u>Seating Minimums</u>	<u>AAA</u>	<u>AA</u>	<u>A</u>
Quarterfinal	700	700	600
Semi or Final	1000	1000	1000

BASKETBALL QUARTERFINALS

<u>Seating Minimums</u>	<u>AAA</u>	<u>AA</u>	<u>A</u>
Single Game	3000	3000	1600
Doubleheader	3600	3500	2500

FIELD HOCKEY

<u>Seating Minimums</u>	<u>AAA</u>	<u>AA</u>	<u>A</u>
	800	500	na

FOOTBALL

<u>Seating Minimums</u>	<u>Div. 6</u>	<u>Div. 5</u>	<u>Div. 4</u>	<u>Div. 3</u>	<u>Div. 2</u>	<u>Div. 1</u>
Semifinal	4500	4000	3500	3000	2500	2000
Final	8000	8000	7500	7500	3500	3500

GYMNASTICS

<u>Seating Minimums</u>	<u>AAA</u>	<u>AA</u>	<u>A</u>
	1000 + separate seating for 225 team personnel		

SOCCER

<u>Seating Minimums</u>	<u>AAA</u>	<u>AA</u>	<u>A</u>
Single Game	1200	700	300
Doubleheader	1500	1000	600

SOFTBALL

<u>Seating Minimums</u>	<u>AAA</u>	<u>AA</u>	<u>A</u>
Quarterfinal	400	400	400
Semi or Final	600	600	600

VOLLEYBALL

<u>Seating Minimums</u>	<u>AAA</u>	<u>AA</u>	<u>A</u>
Quarterfinal	700	700	500
Semi or Final (combined groups)	3000	3000	3000
Semis/Finals (A/AA)		2500	2500
Semis/Finals (AAA only)	2500		

VHSL STATE BASEBALL SITE REQUIREMENTS

QUARTERFINAL REQUIREMENTS

A. FIELD REQUIREMENTS

In order to host a VHSL State Baseball quarterfinal game, the school/facility must be able to provide a properly marked, well maintained baseball field that meets the requirements (including those for the elevation of the pitcher's mound) specified in the current NFHS Baseball Rules Book. The following additional requirements must also be met:

1. Lights are required and must provide for adequate and uniform lighting of the field.
2. Fence Distances
 - a. Left Field - 300 feet (minimum)
 - b. Center Field - 350 feet (minimum)
 - c. Right Field - 300 feet (minimum)
3. Backstop Distance (from home plate to nearest point) - 25 feet minimum (50-60 feet preferred)
4. Infield surface - grass or turf
5. Pitcher's mound
 - a. The top of the pitcher's plate must be 10 inches above the top surface of home plate.
 - b. The degree of slope from a point 6 inches in front of the pitcher's plate to a point 6 feet toward home plate shall be one inch to one foot, and such degree of slope shall be uniform.
 - c. The pitching mound is an 18-foot diameter circle, the center of which is 59 feet from the back point of home plate.
 - d. The front edge of the rubber is 18 inches behind the center of the mound.
 - e. The front edge of the rubber to the back point of home plate is 60 feet, 6 inches.
 - f. The slope starts 6 inches from the front edge of the rubber.
 - g. The slope shall be 6 inches from the starting point (6 inches in front of the rubber) to a point 6 feet in front of the rubber.
 - h. The level area surrounding the rubber should be 6 inches in front of the rubber, 18 inches to each side and 22 inches to the rear of the rubber. The total level area is 5 feet x 34 inches.
6. Dugouts
 - a. Two - one for each team; must be comparable
 - b. Seating for at least 21 individuals
7. Pitching warm-up areas
 - a. Two – one for each team
 - b. Mound and plate at regulation height and distance
 - c. Pitchers protected from playing area
8. Warning Track – a five foot (minimum) warning track is required if the outfield fence is a permanent (solid) structure.

Note: A college/university baseball facility may be used.

B. OTHER REQUIREMENTS

1. Scoreboard – must be working and visible from all player and spectator vantage points
2. PA/Sound system
 - a. Adequate for projecting intelligible announcements to all areas of bleachers
 - b. Capable of playing music between innings

3. Seating
 - a. Permanent or portable bleacher seating to accommodate anticipated attendance (see chart)
 - b. Accessible (ADA compliant)
4. Parking
 - a. Safe/secure area for team buses and officials
 - b. Spaces to accommodate anticipated attendance (see chart)
 - c. Lighted
 - d. Accessible (ADA compliant)
5. Secure entry point
 - a. Must be able to control admission to facility
 - b. Must allow for timely access by event patrons
6. Concessions – to accommodate anticipated attendance (see chart)
7. Restrooms – minimum of two (2) on-site public restrooms (1 per gender), or access to same in adjacent buildings
8. Locker rooms
 - a. Two (2) team locker rooms
 - b. 1 officials' locker room
 - i. Private
 - ii. Free from intrusion
 - iii. Large enough for 4 umpires to dress
 - iv. Shower (with hot water) and restroom facility
9. Media requirements – must be able to accommodate anticipated media coverage
10. Event security
 - a. Crowd control
 - b. Escort for officials
 - c. Gate receipts
 - d. Parking area
11. Emergency plan
 - a. Certified Athletic Trainer on site
 - b. EMT or on-call medical assistance available
 - c. Lightning plan
 - d. Emergency evacuation plan
12. Event personnel
 - a. Event director/manager
 - b. Ticket sellers/takers
 - c. Pass/Team gate supervisors
 - d. Team hosts
 - e. Officials' host
 - f. Announcer
 - g. Media/press coordinator
 - h. Official scorer
 - i. Statistician
 - j. Scoreboard operator
 - k. Program sellers
 - l. Concession workers
 - m. Hospitality workers
 - n. Custodial and maintenance services

- o. Security
- p. Additional workers, as needed

C. OTHER CONSIDERATIONS

1. Playability in the event of inclement weather
 - a. Tarps/Covers for pitcher's mound and home plate area or for the entire infield
 - b. Field drainage
2. Location and accessibility
 - a. Access from major thoroughfares
 - b. Lodging for out-of-town teams, spectators and officials
 - c. Area restaurants
3. Historical
 - a. Has this site been used in the past, and if so has it been acceptable to participating teams

SEMIFINALS & FINALS REQUIREMENTS

In addition to the requirements specified for hosting a quarterfinal game, the host site for semi-finals and finals¹ must be able to provide the following:

1. Hospitality areas for administrators, tournament workers and game officials
2. Public restrooms – minimum of four (4) – 2 per gender
3. Restaurants and hotels to accommodate out-of-town teams, spectators and officials
4. Support (financial and other) within the community for the event

¹ Semifinals and finals are currently conducted as part of the VHSL Spring Jubilee.

VHSL STATE BASKETBALL SITE REQUIREMENTS

QUARTERFINAL REQUIREMENTS

A. COURT REQUIREMENTS

In order to host a VHSL State Basketball quarterfinal game, the school/facility must be able to provide a properly marked, well maintained basketball court that meets the requirements specified in the current NFHS Basketball Rules Book. The following additional requirements must also be met.

1. Court dimensions
 - a. Minimum – 84' long by 50' wide
 - b. Maximum – 94' long by 50' wide
 - c. Minimum of 10' of unobstructed space outside the boundary lines
2. Ceiling height – minimum of 25'
3. Backboards
 - d. Clear, rectangular backboards that meet all NFHS rule specifications with respect to padding and clearances
 - e. Timely access to a spare (backup)
4. Rims – moveable (pressure-release) rims
5. Team benches - located on the same side of the court as scorers'/timers' table
6. Lights - must provide for adequate and uniform lighting of the court.

Note: A college/university basketball facility may be used.

B. OTHER REQUIREMENTS

1. Scoreboard
 - a. Must be working (no burned out bulbs) and visible from all player and spectator vantage points
 - b. Must be capable of displaying tenths of a second during last minute of each quarter
 - c. Access to spare (backup) console
2. PA/Sound system
 - a. Adequate for projecting intelligible announcements to all areas of bleachers
 - b. Capable of playing music during intermissions
3. Seating
 - a. Seating to accommodate anticipated attendance (see chart).
 - b. Accessible (ADA compliant)
4. Parking (on site)
 - a. Safe/secure area for team buses and officials
 - b. Spaces to accommodate anticipated attendance (see chart)
 - c. Lighted
 - d. Accessible (ADA compliant)
5. Secure entry point
 - a. Must be able to control admission to facility
 - b. Must allow for timely access by event patrons

6. Concessions – to accommodate anticipated attendance (see chart)
7. Restrooms – minimum of two (2) on-site public restrooms (1 per gender)
8. Locker rooms
 - a. Two (2) team locker rooms
 - b. 1 officials' locker room
 - i. Private
 - ii. Free from intrusion
 - iii. Large enough for 3 officials to dress
 - iv. Shower (with hot water) and restroom facility
9. Media requirements – must be able to accommodate anticipated media coverage
10. Event security
 - a. Crowd control
 - b. Escort for contest officials
 - c. Gate receipts
 - d. Parking area
11. Emergency plan
 - a. Certified Athletic Trainer on site
 - b. EMT or on-call medical assistance available
 - c. Emergency evacuation plan
12. Event personnel
 - a. Event director/manager
 - b. Ticket sellers/takers
 - c. Pass/Team gate supervisors
 - d. Team hosts
 - e. Officials' host
 - f. Announcer
 - g. Media/press coordinator
 - h. Official scorer
 - i. Official timer
 - j. Statistician
 - k. Scoreboard operator
 - l. Ball boys/girls
 - m. Program sellers
 - n. Concession workers
 - o. Hospitality workers
 - p. Custodial and maintenance services
 - q. Security
 - r. Additional workers, as needed

C. OTHER CONSIDERATIONS

1. Location and accessibility
 - a. Access from major thoroughfares
 - b. Lodging for out-of-town teams, spectators and officials
 - c. Area restaurants
 - d. Support (financial and other) within the community for the event
2. Historical
 - a. Has this site been used in the past, and if so has it been acceptable to participating teams

SEMIFINALS & FINALS REQUIREMENTS

In addition to the requirements specified for hosting a quarterfinal game, the host site for semi-finals and finals² must be able to provide the following:

1. Hospitality areas for administrators, tournament workers and game officials
2. Public restrooms – minimum of four (4) – 2 per gender
3. Restaurants and hotels to accommodate out-of-town teams, spectators and officials
4. Support (financial and other) within the community for the event.

² All semifinals and finals (boys and girls, all classifications) are currently conducted in a four-day format, with four games each of the first 3 days, and six championship games on the final day.

VHSL STATE CHEERLEADING SITE REQUIREMENTS

The VHSL State Competition is currently a one-day event, with all classifications competing at the same venue.

A. PERFORMANCE AREA

In order to host the VHSL State Cheer Championships, the facility must be able to provide a competition area that meets the requirements specified in the current NFHS Spirit Rules Book. The following additional requirements must also be met.

1. Competition mat
 - a. AAI (or equivalent) Foam and carpet Floor Exercise Mat
 - i. Dimensions approximately 42' x 42'
 - ii. Carpet (no wrestling mats)
 - iii. appropriate padding underneath (no spring floors)
2. Warm-up area separate from competition area
 - a. Two, full-size competition mats similar to the one in the competition area; or one full-size mat and two full-length tumbling runs.
3. Officials' Tables – must accommodate judges, tabulators, runners,

B. OTHER REQUIREMENTS

1. PA/Sound system
 - a. Adequate for projecting intelligible announcements to all areas of bleachers and to floor area
 - b. Capable of playing CD's or cassette tapes
2. Seating
 - a. Permanent or portable bleacher seating to accommodate anticipated attendance (see chart).
 - b. Accessible (ADA compliant)
3. Parking (on site)
 - a. Safe/secure area for team buses and officials
 - b. Spaces to accommodate anticipated attendance (see chart)
 - c. Lighted (if nighttime competition)
 - d. Accessible (ADA compliant)
4. Secure entry point
 - a. Must be able to control admission to facility
 - b. Must allow for timely access by event patrons
5. Concessions – to accommodate anticipated attendance (see chart)
6. Restrooms – minimum of two (4) on-site public restrooms (2 per gender)
7. Media requirements – must be able to accommodate anticipated media coverage
8. Event security
 - a. Crowd control
 - b. Escort for contest officials
 - c. Gate receipts
 - d. Parking area
9. Emergency plan
 - a. Certified Athletic Trainer on site
 - b. EMT or on-call medical assistance available
 - c. Emergency evacuation plan

10. Event personnel
 - a. Event director/manager
 - b. Ticket sellers/takers
 - c. Pass/Team gate supervisors
 - d. Team hosts
 - e. Officials' host
 - f. Media/press coordinator
 - g. Disc Jockey
 - h. Head Scorer
 - i. Tabulators
 - j. Timers
 - k. Runners
 - l. Program sellers
 - m. Concession workers
 - n. Hospitality workers
 - o. Custodial and maintenance services
 - p. Security
 - q. Additional workers, as needed
11. Two meeting areas to accommodate 50 people each (coaches' and judges' meetings)
12. Hospitality areas for administrators, tournament workers, officials and coaches
13. Restaurants and hotels to accommodate out-of-town teams, spectators and officials

C. OTHER CONSIDERATIONS

1. Location and accessibility
 - a. Access from major thoroughfares
 - b. Support (financial and other) within the community for the event
2. Historical
 - a. Has this site been used in the past, and if so has it been acceptable to participating teams
3. Support (financial and other) within the community for the event

VHSL STATE CROSS COUNTRY SITE REQUIREMENTS

A. COMPETITION AREA

In order to host the VHSL State Cross Country Championships, the school/facility must be able to provide a course which meets the requirements specified in the current NFHS Track and Field and Cross Country Rules Book. The following additional requirements must also be met.

1. Course
 - a. 1½ to 3 miles in length (measured along the middle of the course)
 - b. Minimum 3 feet wide at narrowest point
 - c. No branches or other obstructions lower than 8 feet above the ground
 - d. 150-yard straightaway at the end of the course
2. Other
 - a. Must accommodate boys and girls races in all Groups on the same day

B. OTHER REQUIREMENTS

1. PA/Sound system
 - a. Adequate for projecting intelligible announcements to participants and spectators near the start/finish line.
2. Start and/or finish line must be accessible to handicapped patrons
3. Seating -- No permanent bleacher seating is required.
4. Parking (on site)
 - a. Safe/secure area for team buses and officials
 - b. Spaces to accommodate anticipated attendance (see chart)
 - c. Accessible (ADA compliant)
5. Secure entry point
 - a. Must be able to control admission to facility
 - b. Must allow for timely access by event patrons
6. Concessions – to accommodate anticipated attendance (see chart)
7. Restrooms – minimum of two (2) on-site public restrooms (1 per gender)
8. Media requirements – must be able to accommodate anticipated media coverage
9. Event security
 - a. Crowd control
 - b. Escort for contest officials
 - c. Gate receipts
 - d. Parking area
10. Emergency plan
 - a. Certified Athletic Trainer on site
 - b. EMT or on-call medical assistance available
 - c. Lightning plan
 - d. Emergency evacuation plan
11. Event personnel
 - a. Event director/manager
 - b. Ticket sellers/takers

- c. Pass/Team gate supervisors
- d. Team hosts
- e. Officials' host
- f. Media/press coordinator
- g. Announcer
- h. Head Scorer
- i. Timers
- j. Program sellers
- k. Concession workers
- l. Hospitality workers
- m. Custodial and maintenance services
- n. Security
- o. Additional workers, as needed

12. Hospitality areas for administrators, tournament workers, and officials

13. Restaurants and hotels to accommodate out-of-town teams, spectators and officials

C. OTHER CONSIDERATIONS

1. Location and accessibility

- a. Access from major thoroughfares
- b. Support (financial and other) within the community for the event

2. Historical

- a. Has this site been used in the past, and if so has it been acceptable to participating teams.

VHSL STATE FIELD HOCKEY SITE REQUIREMENTS

The VHSL State Field Hockey Tournament is a three-day, single-site tournament.

A. FIELD REQUIREMENTS

In order to host a VHSL State field hockey quarterfinal game, the school/facility must be able to provide a properly marked, well maintained field hockey field that meets the requirements specified in the current NFHS Field Hockey Rules Book. The following additional requirements must also be met:

1. Field dimensions and surface
 - a. 100 yards long by 60 yards wide
 - b. Artificial turf (preferred) or Bermuda grass
 - c. If a Bermuda grass field is to be used, then
 - i. The grass must be cut to a height of no more than $\frac{3}{4}$ ”;
 - ii. The field must be a smooth surface that enhances skillful play;
 - iii. There must be no visible bare spots or dirt areas within the field of play;
 - d. If the field is not a dedicated field hockey field (used only for field hockey), then
 - i. Any additional field markings must not be confusing or detract from the game;
 - ii. Any “crown” to the field must be such that the ball is clearly visible at all times from all vantage points.
2. Team benches for two teams, each with seating for a minimum of 25 players, coaches and other team personnel.
3. Spectator areas must be located at least 10 yards outside the field of play on the side opposite the team benches.

Note: A college/university field hockey facility may be used.

B. OTHER REQUIREMENTS

1. Scoreboard – must be working and visible from all player and spectator vantage points
2. PA/Sound system
 - a. Adequate for projecting intelligible announcements to all areas of bleachers
 - b. Capable of playing music between games and during intermissions
3. Seating
 - a. Permanent or portable bleacher seating to accommodate anticipated attendance (see chart).
 - b. Accessible (ADA compliant)
4. Parking (on site)
 - a. Safe/secure area for team buses and officials
 - b. Spaces to accommodate anticipated attendance (see chart)
 - c. Lighted (if night games are to be played)
 - d. Accessible (ADA compliant)
5. Secure entry point
 - a. Must be able to control admission to facility
 - b. Must allow for timely access by event patrons
6. Concessions – to accommodate anticipated attendance (see chart)
7. Restrooms – minimum of two (4) on-site public restrooms (2 per gender), or access to same in adjacent buildings

8. Locker rooms
 - a. Two (2) team locker rooms
 - b. 1 officials' locker room
 - i. Private
 - ii. Free from intrusion
 - iii. Large enough for 2 officials to dress
 - iv. Shower (with hot water) and restroom facility
9. Media requirements – must be able to accommodate anticipated media coverage
10. Event security
 - a. Crowd control
 - b. Escort for contest officials
 - c. Gate receipts
 - d. Parking area
11. Emergency plan
 - a. Certified Athletic Trainer on site
 - b. EMT or on-call medical assistance available
 - c. Lightning plan
 - d. Emergency evacuation plan
12. Event personnel
 - a. Event director/manager
 - b. Ticket sellers/takers
 - c. Pass/Team gate supervisors
 - d. Team hosts
 - e. Officials' host
 - f. Announcer
 - g. Media/press coordinator
 - h. Official scorer
 - i. Official timer
 - j. Statistician
 - k. Ball girls/boys
 - l. Scoreboard operator
 - m. Program sellers
 - n. Concession workers
 - o. Hospitality workers
 - p. Custodial and maintenance services
 - q. Security
 - r. Additional workers, as needed
13. Hospitality areas for administrators, tournament workers and game officials
14. Restaurants and hotels to accommodate out-of-town teams, spectators and officials
15. Support (financial and other) within the community for the event

C. OTHER CONSIDERATIONS

1. Playability in the event of inclement weather
2. Number of fields available
3. Number, type and dates of events scheduled on the field(s) prior to the tournament
4. Location and accessibility
 - a. Access from major thoroughfares
 - b. Restaurants and hotels to accommodate out-of-town teams, spectators and officials

- c. Support (financial and other) within the community for the event
- 5. Historical
 - a. Has this site been used in the past, and if so has it been acceptable to participating teams
- 6. Additional considerations
 - a. Preference will be given to facilities with an artificial turf surface, or to hosts that can provide access to a facility with an artificial surface as a backup if the proposed facility is to be Bermuda grass. This will be done for two reasons – 1) an artificial surface is a smooth, flat, consistent surface; 2) an artificial surface minimizes the effects of adverse weather conditions.
 - b. Preference will be given to dedicated field hockey facilities that also meet other requirements. If a multi-use field is proposed, scheduled utilization of that field in the two or three-week period preceding the state field hockey tournament will be considered.

VHSL STATE FOOTBALL SITE REQUIREMENTS

A. FIELD REQUIREMENTS

In order to host a VHSL State football game (semi-final or final), the school/facility must be able to provide a properly marked, well maintained football field that meets all requirements and recommendations as specified in the current NFHS Football Rules Book. The following additional requirements must also be met:

1. Lights are required and must provide for adequate and uniform lighting of the field.
2. Field – 360 by 160 feet; recommended slope of ¼ inch per foot from center to sideline; marked in accordance with current NFHS Football Rules
3. Playing surface – grass or artificial turf
4. Sufficient area and/or barriers surrounding field to prevent easy access to field and teams by spectators
5. Team areas and amenities -- must be comparable

Note: A college/university football facility may be used.

B. OTHER REQUIREMENTS

1. Scoreboard – must be working and visible from all player and spectator vantage points
2. PA/Sound system
 - a. Adequate for projecting intelligible announcements to all areas of bleachers
 - b. Capable of playing music during intermissions
3. Seating
 - a. Permanent or portable bleacher seating to accommodate anticipated attendance (see chart)
 - b. Seating arranged such that fans from opposing schools may be seated on opposite sides of the field
 - c. Accessible (ADA compliant)
4. Parking
 - a. Safe/secure area for team buses and officials
 - b. Spaces to accommodate anticipated attendance (see chart)
 - c. Lighted (if night game)
 - d. Accessible (ADA compliant)
5. Secure entry point
 - a. Must be able to control admission to facility
 - b. Must allow for timely access by event patrons
6. Concessions – to accommodate anticipated attendance (see chart)
7. Restrooms – minimum of four (4) on-site public restrooms (2 per gender), or access to same in adjacent buildings
8. Locker rooms
 - a. Two (2) team locker rooms
 - b. 1 officials' locker room
 - i. Private
 - ii. Free from intrusion
 - iii. Large enough for 7 officials to dress
 - iv. Shower (with hot water) and restroom facility

9. Media requirements – must be able to accommodate anticipated media coverage
10. Event security
 - a. Crowd control
 - b. Escort for officials
 - c. Gate receipts
 - d. Parking area
11. Emergency plan
 - a. Certified Athletic Trainer on site
 - b. EMT or on-call medical assistance available
 - c. Lightning plan
 - d. Emergency evacuation plan
12. Event personnel
 - a. Event director/manager
 - b. Ticket sellers/takers
 - c. Pass/Team gate supervisors
 - d. Team hosts
 - e. Officials' host
 - f. Announcer
 - g. Media/press coordinator
 - h. Official scorer
 - i. Official timer
 - j. Statistician
 - k. Scoreboard operator
 - l. Program sellers
 - m. Concession workers
 - n. Hospitality workers
 - o. Custodial and maintenance services
 - p. Security
 - q. Additional workers, as needed
13. Hospitality areas for administrators, tournament workers and game officials
14. Restaurants and hotels to accommodate out-of-town teams, spectators and officials
15. Support (financial and other) within the community for the event

C. OTHER CONSIDERATIONS

1. Playability in the event of inclement weather
 - a. Tarps/Covers for the field
 - b. Field drainage
2. Location and accessibility
 - a. Access from major thoroughfares
 - b. Lodging for out-of-town teams, spectators and officials
 - c. Area restaurants
3. Historical
 - a. Has this site been used in the past, and if so has it been acceptable to participating teams.

VHSL STATE GYMNASTICS SITE REQUIREMENTS

The VHSL State Gymnastics Meet is currently a two-day meet, with Group AAA team competition the first day, and Open individual competition on the second.

A. COMPETITION AREA

In order to host the VHSL State Gymnastics Championships, the school/facility must be able to provide equipment which meets the requirements specified in the current NFHS Girls Gymnastics Rules Book. The following additional requirements must also be met.

1. Equipment
 - a. AAI (or equivalent) Vault Table
 - b. AAI Elite (or equivalent) Uneven Bars
 - c. AAI (or equivalent) Flex Balance Beam
 - d. AAI (or equivalent) Foam and carpet Floor Exercise Mat
 - e. Required matting for each apparatus
 - f. 4" and 8" skill cushions at beam, bars and vault
2. Space – adequate to run all four events concurrently
3. Warm-up area
 - a. Must be separate from competition area
 - b. Must provide access to balance beam, uneven parallel bars, floor exercise mat

B. OTHER REQUIREMENTS

1. PA/Sound system
 - a. Adequate for projecting intelligible announcements to all areas of bleachers and to floor area
2. CD player and speakers (for floor exercise competition)
3. Seating
 - a. Permanent or portable bleacher seating to accommodate anticipated attendance (see chart).
 - b. Accessible (ADA compliant)
4. Parking (on site)
 - a. Safe/secure area for team buses and officials
 - b. Spaces to accommodate anticipated attendance (see chart)
 - c. Lighted (if nighttime competition)
 - d. Accessible (ADA compliant)
5. Secure entry point
 - a. Must be able to control admission to facility
 - b. Must allow for timely access by event patrons
6. Concessions – to accommodate anticipated attendance (see chart)
7. Restrooms – minimum of two (2) on-site public restrooms (1 per gender)
8. Media requirements – must be able to accommodate anticipated media coverage
9. Event security
 - a. Crowd control
 - b. Escort for contest officials
 - c. Gate receipts
 - d. Parking area

10. Emergency plan
 - a. Certified Athletic Trainer on site
 - b. EMT or on-call medical assistance available
 - c. Emergency evacuation plan

11. Event personnel
 - a. Event director/manager
 - b. Ticket sellers/takers
 - c. Pass/Team gate supervisors
 - d. Team hosts
 - e. Officials' host
 - f. Media/press coordinator
 - g. Announcer
 - h. Music Coordinator
 - i. Head Scorer
 - j. Event Scorers
 - k. Event Timers
 - l. Runners
 - m. Program sellers
 - n. Concession workers
 - o. Hospitality workers
 - p. Custodial and maintenance services
 - q. Security
 - r. Additional workers, as needed

12. Hospitality areas for administrators, tournament workers, officials and coaches

13. Restaurants and hotels to accommodate out-of-town teams, spectators and officials

C. OTHER CONSIDERATIONS

1. Location and accessibility
 - a. Access from major thoroughfares
 - b. Support (financial and other) within the community for the event

2. Historical
 - a. Has this site been used in the past, and if so has it been acceptable to participating teams.

VHSL STATE LACROSSE SITE REQUIREMENTS

QUARTERFINAL REQUIREMENTS

A. FIELD REQUIREMENTS

In order to host a VHSL State boys lacrosse quarterfinal game, the school/facility must be able to provide a properly marked, well maintained lacrosse field that meets the requirements specified in the current NFHS Boys Lacrosse Rules Book (boys game), or the current U.S. Lacrosse Women/s Rules book (girls game). The following additional requirements must also be met:

1. Field dimensions and surface
 - a. Boys -- 110 yards long by 60 yards wide
 - b. Girls – 110-140 yards long by 60-70 yards wide
 - c. Natural grass or artificial turf
2. Minimum of 10 yards unobstructed space around all boundaries
3. Team benches for two teams, each with seating for a minimum of 25 players, coaches and other team personnel.
4. Spectator areas must be located at least 10 yards outside the field of play. Spectators are not allowed immediately behind the end lines (except in stadium structures where permanent seats exist) or immediately behind the bench or table areas.

Note: A college/university lacrosse facility may be used.

B. OTHER REQUIREMENTS

1. Scoreboard – must be working and visible from all player and spectator vantage points
2. PA/Sound system
 - a. Adequate for projecting intelligible announcements to all areas of bleachers
 - b. Capable of playing music between games and during intermissions
3. Seating
 - a. Permanent or portable bleacher seating to accommodate anticipated attendance (see chart).
 - b. Accessible (ADA compliant)
4. Parking (on site)
 - a. Safe/secure area for team buses and officials
 - b. Spaces to accommodate anticipated attendance (see chart)
 - c. Lighted (if night games are to be played)
 - d. Accessible (ADA compliant)
5. Secure entry point
 - a. Must be able to control admission to facility
 - b. Must allow for timely access by event patrons
6. Concessions – to accommodate anticipated event attendance
7. Restrooms – minimum of two (2) on-site public restrooms (1 per gender), or access to same in adjacent buildings
8. Locker rooms
 - a. Two (2) team locker rooms

- b. 1 officials' locker room
 - i. Private
 - ii. Free from intrusion
 - iii. Large enough for 4 officials to dress
 - iv. Shower (with hot water) and restroom facility
- 9. Media requirements – must be able to accommodate anticipated media coverage
- 10. Event security
 - a. Crowd control
 - b. Escort for contest officials
 - c. Gate receipts
 - d. Parking area
- 11. Emergency plan
 - a. Certified Athletic Trainer on site
 - b. EMT or on-call medical assistance available
 - c. Lightning plan
 - d. Emergency evacuation plan
- 12. Event personnel
 - a. Event director/manager
 - b. Ticket sellers/takers
 - c. Pass/Team gate supervisors
 - d. Team hosts
 - e. Officials' host
 - f. Announcer
 - g. Media/press coordinator
 - h. Official scorer
 - i. Official timer
 - j. Statistician
 - k. Scoreboard operator
 - l. Program sellers
 - m. Concession workers
 - n. Hospitality workers
 - o. Custodial and maintenance services
 - p. Security
 - q. Additional workers, as needed

C. OTHER CONSIDERATIONS

- 1. Playability in the event of inclement weather
- 2. Number of fields available
- 3. Number, type and dates of events scheduled on the field(s) prior to the tournament
- 4. Location and accessibility
 - a. Access from major thoroughfares
 - b. Restaurants and hotels to accommodate out-of-town teams, spectators and officials
 - c. Support (financial and other) within the community for the event
- 5. Historical
 - a. Has this site been used in the past, and if so has it been acceptable to participating teams

SEMIFINALS & FINALS REQUIREMENTS

In addition to the requirements specified for hosting a single/quarterfinal game, the host for semis and finals must be able to provide the following:

1. Hospitality areas for administrators, tournament workers and game officials
2. Public restrooms – minimum of four (4) – 2 per gender
3. Restaurants and hotels to accommodate out-of-town teams, spectators and officials
4. Support (financial and other) within the community for the event
5. Other considerations:
 - a. Preference will be given to facilities with lights or to those hosts that can provide access to a facility with lights as a backup in the event morning/afternoon games are delayed.

VHSL STATE SOCCER SITE REQUIREMENTS

QUARTERFINAL REQUIREMENTS

A. FIELD REQUIREMENTS

In order to host a VHSL State Soccer quarterfinal game, the school/facility must be able to provide a properly marked, well maintained soccer field that meets the requirements specified in the current NFHS Soccer Rules Book. The following additional requirements must also be met.

1. Field dimensions
 - a. Minimums – 110 yards long by 65 yards wide
 - b. Maximums – 120 yards long by 75 yards wide
2. Field slope
 - a. The field should not be flat.
 - b. Surface drained fields should have a minimum of 1 ½ percent slope (center to side).
3. Team areas – must be properly marked and at least 10 feet from the touchline (sideline)
4. Spectator areas – must be at least 10 feet from touchlines (sidelines), team/official area and goal line. No one shall be permitted directly behind either goal unless seated in bleachers.
5. Lights are required and must provide for adequate and uniform lighting of the field.

Note: A college/university soccer facility may be used.

B. OTHER REQUIREMENTS

1. Scoreboard – must be working and visible from all player and spectator vantage points
2. PA/Sound system
 - a. Adequate for projecting intelligible announcements to all areas of bleachers
 - b. Capable of playing music during intermissions
3. Seating
 - a. Permanent or portable bleacher seating to accommodate anticipated attendance (see chart).
 - b. Accessible (ADA compliant)
4. Parking (on site)
 - a. Safe/secure area for team buses and officials
 - b. Spaces to accommodate anticipated attendance (see chart)
 - c. Lighted
 - d. Accessible (ADA compliant)
5. Secure entry point
 - a. Must be able to control admission to facility
 - b. Must allow for timely access by event patrons
6. Concessions – to accommodate anticipated event attendance
7. Restrooms – minimum of two (2) on-site public restrooms (1 per gender), or access to same in adjacent buildings
8. Locker rooms
 - a. Two (2) team locker rooms

- b. 1 officials' locker room
 - i. Private
 - ii. Free from intrusion
 - iii. Large enough for 4 officials to dress
 - iv. Shower (with hot water) and restroom facility
- 9. Media requirements – must be able to accommodate anticipated media coverage
- 10. Event security
 - a. Crowd control
 - b. Escort for contest officials
 - c. Gate receipts
 - d. Parking area
- 11. Emergency plan
 - a. Certified Athletic Trainer on site
 - b. EMT or on-call medical assistance available
 - c. Lightning plan
 - d. Emergency evacuation plan
- 12. Event personnel
 - a. Event director/manager
 - b. Ticket sellers/takers
 - c. Pass/Team gate supervisors
 - d. Team hosts
 - e. Officials' host
 - f. Announcer
 - g. Media/press coordinator
 - h. Official scorer
 - i. Official timer
 - j. Statistician
 - k. Scoreboard operator
 - l. Ball boys/girls
 - m. Program sellers
 - n. Concession workers
 - o. Hospitality workers
 - p. Custodial and maintenance services
 - q. Security
 - r. Additional workers, as needed

C. OTHER CONSIDERATIONS

- 1. Playability in the event of inclement weather
- 2. Slope of the field – soccer fields should not be flat. Slope is measured from center to side.
 - a. Minimum 1½% slope on fields which are surface drained and made up of native soil
 - b. No less than 1% slope on fields with underground drainage.
- 3. Location and accessibility
 - a. Access from major thoroughfares
 - b. Lodging for out-of-town teams, spectators and officials
 - c. Area restaurants
 - d. Support (financial and other) within the community for the event
- 4. Historical
 - a. Has this site been used in the past, and if so has it been acceptable to participating teams

SEMIFINALS & FINALS REQUIREMENTS

In addition to the requirements specified for hosting a quarterfinal game, the host site for semi-finals and finals³ must be able to provide the following:

1. Hospitality areas for administrators, tournament workers and game officials
2. Public restrooms – minimum of four (4) – 2 per gender
3. Restaurants and hotels to accommodate out-of-town teams, spectators and officials
4. Support (financial and other) within the community for the event

³ Semifinals and finals are currently conducted as part of a VHSL Spring Jubilee

VHSL STATE SOFTBALL SITE REQUIREMENTS

QUARTERFINAL REQUIREMENTS

A. FIELD REQUIREMENTS

In order to host a VHSL State Softball quarterfinal game, the school/facility must be able to provide a properly marked, well maintained softball field that meets the requirements specified in the current NFHS Softball Rules Book. The following additional requirements must also be met.

1. Fence Distances – 185 feet – 235 feet
2. Backstop Distance (from home plate to nearest point) – minimum of 25 feet; maximum of 30 feet
3. 60-foot skinned infield (measured from the front center of a 46-foot pitcher's plate, even though a 40-ft. pitching distance is used)
4. On-Deck Circles must be in a safe location, to the side and 30 feet (if space allows) from home plate.
5. Lights are required and must provide for adequate and uniform lighting of the field.
6. Dugouts
 - a. Two - one for each team; must be comparable
 - b. Seating for at least 21 individuals
7. Pitching warm-up areas
 - a. Two – one for each team
 - b. Plate at regulation distance
 - c. Pitchers protected from playing area

Note: A college/university softball facility may be used.

B. OTHER REQUIREMENTS

1. Scoreboard – must be working and visible from all player and spectator vantage points
2. PA/Sound system
 - a. Adequate for projecting intelligible announcements to all areas of bleachers
 - b. Capable of playing music between innings
3. Seating
 - a. Permanent or portable bleacher seating to accommodate anticipated attendance (see chart).
 - b. Accessible (ADA compliant)
4. Parking (on site)
 - a. Safe/secure area for team buses and officials
 - b. Spaces to accommodate anticipated attendance (see chart)
 - c. Lighted
 - d. Accessible (ADA compliant)
5. Secure entry point
 - a. Must be able to control admission to facility
 - b. Must allow for timely access by event patrons
6. Concessions – to accommodate anticipated attendance (see chart)
7. Restrooms – minimum of two (2) on-site public restrooms (1 per gender), or access to same in adjacent buildings

8. Locker rooms
 - a. Two (2) team locker rooms
 - b. 1 officials' locker room
 - i. Private
 - ii. Free from intrusion
 - iii. Large enough for 3 officials to dress
 - iv. Shower (with hot water) and restroom facility
9. Media requirements – must be able to accommodate anticipated media coverage
10. Event security
 - a. Crowd control
 - b. Escort for contest officials
 - c. Gate receipts
 - d. Parking area
11. Emergency plan
 - a. Certified Athletic Trainer on site
 - b. EMT or on-call medical assistance available
 - c. Lightning plan
 - d. Emergency evacuation plan
12. Event personnel
 - a. Event director/manager
 - b. Ticket sellers/takers
 - c. Pass/Team gate supervisors
 - d. Team hosts
 - e. Officials' host
 - f. Announcer
 - g. Media/press coordinator
 - h. Official scorer
 - i. Statistician
 - j. Scoreboard operator
 - k. Program sellers
 - l. Concession workers
 - m. Hospitality workers
 - n. Custodial and maintenance services
 - o. Security
 - p. Additional workers, as needed

C. OTHER CONSIDERATIONS

1. Playability in the event of inclement weather
 - a. Tarps/Covers for pitcher's mound and home plate area or for the entire infield
 - b. Field drainage
2. Location and accessibility
 - a. Access from major thoroughfares
 - b. Lodging for out-of-town teams, spectators and officials
 - c. Area restaurants
 - d. Support (financial and other) within the community for the event
3. Historical
 - a. Has this site been used in the past, and if so has it been acceptable to participating teams

SEMIFINALS & FINALS REQUIREMENTS

In addition to the requirements specified for hosting a quarterfinal game, the host site for semi-finals and finals⁴ must be able to provide the following:

1. Hospitality areas for administrators, tournament workers and game officials
2. Public restrooms – minimum of four (4) – 2 per gender
3. Restaurants and hotels to accommodate out-of-town teams, spectators and officials
4. Support (financial and other) within the community for the event

⁴ Semifinals and finals are currently conducted as part of a VHSL Spring Jubilee

VHSL STATE VOLLEYBALL SITE REQUIREMENTS

QUARTERFINAL REQUIREMENTS

A. COURT REQUIREMENTS

In order to host a VHSL State Volleyball quarterfinal game, the school/facility must be able to provide a properly marked, well maintained volleyball court that meets the requirements specified in the current NFHS Volleyball Rules Book. The following additional requirements must also be met.

1. Clearances
 - a. Overhead – the area above the court must be clear of any obstructions and at least 23 feet high.
 - b. Around the court – there must be a minimum clearance of 6 feet completely surrounding the court.
2. Markings
 - a. All lines must be 2 inches wide
 - b. If a multi-use court is used, volleyball lines must be clearly marked, and markings used for other sports must not be confusing or detract from the match.
3. Team benches - located on the same side of the court as scorers'/timers' table, no closer to the sideline than 6', and no closer to the out-of-bounds extension line than 10'.
4. Lights - must provide for adequate and uniform lighting of the court.

Note: A college/university volleyball facility may be used.

B. OTHER REQUIREMENTS

1. Scoreboard
 - a. Must be working and visible from all player and spectator vantage points
2. PA/Sound system
 - a. Adequate for projecting intelligible announcements to all areas of bleachers
 - b. Capable of playing music during intermissions
3. Seating
 - a. Seating to accommodate anticipated attendance (see chart).
 - b. Accessible (ADA compliant)
4. Parking (on site)
 - a. Safe/secure area for team buses and officials
 - b. Spaces to accommodate anticipated attendance (see chart)
 - c. Lighted
 - d. Accessible (ADA compliant)
5. Secure entry point
 - a. Must be able to control admission to facility
 - b. Must allow for timely access by event patrons
6. Concessions – to accommodate anticipated attendance (see chart)
7. Restrooms – minimum of two (2) on-site public restrooms (1 per gender)

8. Locker rooms
 - a. Two (2) team locker rooms
 - b. 1 officials' locker room
 - i. Private
 - ii. Free from intrusion
 - iii. Large enough for 4 officials to dress
 - iv. Shower (with hot water) and restroom facility
9. Media requirements – must be able to accommodate anticipated media coverage
10. Event security
 - a. Crowd control
 - b. Escort for contest officials
 - c. Gate receipts
 - d. Parking area
11. Emergency plan
 - a. Certified Athletic Trainer on site
 - b. EMT or on-call medical assistance available
 - c. Emergency evacuation plan
12. Event personnel
 - a. Event director/manager
 - b. Ticket sellers/takers
 - c. Pass/Team gate supervisors
 - d. Team hosts
 - e. Officials' host
 - f. Announcer
 - g. Media/press coordinator
 - h. Official scorer
 - i. Official timer
 - j. Scoreboard operator
 - k. Statistician
 - l. Libero tracker
 - m. Program sellers
 - n. Concession workers
 - o. Hospitality workers
 - p. Custodial and maintenance services
 - q. Security
 - r. Additional workers, as needed

C. OTHER CONSIDERATIONS

1. Location and accessibility
 - a. Access from major thoroughfares
 - b. Lodging for out-of-town teams, spectators and officials
 - c. Area restaurants
 - d. Support (financial and other) within the community for the event
2. Historical
 - a. Has this site been used in the past, and if so has it been acceptable to participating teams

SEMIFINALS & FINALS REQUIREMENTS

In addition to the requirements specified for hosting a quarterfinal game, the host site for semi-finals and finals must be able to provide the following:

1. Second court for pre-match warm-up.
2. Hospitality areas for administrators, tournament workers and game officials
3. Public restrooms – minimum of four (4) – 2 per gender
4. Restaurants and hotels to accommodate out-of-town teams, spectators and officials
5. Support (financial and other) within the community for the event