

Official NHPA Court Sanction Form

The requirements listed below are based on information located in the RGS Book; Specifications II, Sections A-D, adopted on July 16, 2006, which became effective on **January 1, 2019**. Some additional written information on the sanctioning of courts is provided to Regional Directors for their use in measuring or verifying these requirements. This form may be completed by a Club Officer or Tournament Director but must be returned to and then verified by the Regional Director(s) before the issuance of a Court Sanction Certificate.

Conditional Court Sanction Requirements: *Note:* All courts must meet these requirements. Please circle only one answer. Any question with both or none circled will immediately be denied.

1. Are the foul lines clearly visible, and correctly marked at distances of thirty-seven (37') and twenty-seven (27') feet from the opposite stake? **YES NO**
2. Is the pit centered between the pitching platforms, a minimum of thirty-one inches (31") in width, and a minimum of forty-three inches (43") in length? **YES NO**
3. Are the stakes "solid," positioned correctly within the pit, and do they have a diameter of one inch? **YES NO**
4. Do the stakes extend to at least fourteen inches (14") but not exceed fifteen inches (15") from the top of the playing surface, and do they have a three-inch (3") incline lean towards each other? **YES NO**
5. Does the pit contain clay, sand, dirt, or any NHPA-approved synthetic substance, and in enough to provide a depth of no less than four inches (4")? **YES NO**
6. Is there a fence or protective barrier at least eight feet (8') behind the courts and at least four feet (4') high? **YES NO**
7. Effective January 1, 2019. Any court complex built prior to the year 2007, must now have at least three courts with short-distance pitching platforms for thirty-foot pitchers. Does the court complex meet this requirement? **YES NO**

Full Court Sanction Requirements. *Note:* For full court certification, all courts of this complex must meet *ALL* above requirements, plus *ALL* the requirements listed below.

8. For each court, are the overall dimensions of the playing area six feet (6') wide and at least forty-six feet (46') long? **YES NO**
9. Other than the pits areas, are all playing surfaces level throughout and made of the same, safe, and suitable material(s)? **YES NO**
10. Are the stakes of adjacent courts no closer than ten feet (10') apart? **YES NO**
11. Are the full-distance pitching platforms at least eighteen inches (18") wide and a minimum of six feet (6') in length? **YES NO**
12. Are there full-length walkways at least eighteen inches (18") wide, providing a suitable pitching platform for all short-distance divisions, and which have a 20-foot (20') foul line marked at the exact mid-point between the stakes for Junior Cadet pitchers? **YES NO**
13. Are there clearly marked imaginary stakes at the distances of 30 feet (30'), and twenty-three feet (23') from the opposite stake? **YES NO**
14. Are there backstops which are at least three feet (3') behind the stake, and at least one foot (1') high, and which extend to the end sides of the pits? **YES NO**
15. Is the airspace above the courts free of all natural or man-made objects, with a height of at least twelve feet (12') above the playing area? **YES NO**

Attention. You may request a temporary waiver from the Chairman of the Regional Directors, see RGS, specifications II, section A, number 5. Please also attach any responses to "NO" answers.

_____ Number of courts
_____ Indoor
_____ Outdoor

_____ Permanent/In-ground
_____ Temporary/Raised pits

_____ Date of completion

_____ Date of re-check by RD or A.RD

Signature of person measuring courts: _____

Signature of Regional Director: _____

NOTE: This court sanction is valid for a period of four (4) years. Courts built after December 31, 2007, must be fully sanctioned. Courts built before that date can be either conditional or fully sanctioned.

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