

South Lake Tahoe Recreation Facilities Joint Powers Authority (JPA)  
Fields projects (potential) & costs, staff estimates (Discussion Draft)

**Little League Fields:**

Construct full size field #3:

* Backstop	\$20,000	
* Perimeter fencing (all Rufus 6' + along building)	\$35,000	
* Irrigation	\$15,000	
* Bleachers (2 sets – volunteers assemble)	\$20,000	
* Dugouts with 24' benches w/backrest (\$800 ea.)	<u>\$10,000</u>	\$100,000

Upgrades to Little League fields #1 and #2:

* Replace bleachers (8 sets)	\$80,000	
(Existing: six - 3 row x 15' long field #1; two on field #2)		
* Irrigation upgrades	<u>\$15,000</u>	\$ 95,000
* Option 240' x 240' synthetic turf (\$400,000.)		

Build replacement T Ball field in 78' x 110' area adjacent to swings \$ 20,000  
(300' barrier fencing, irrigation, minimal backstop & benches)

Restroom: Replace existing RR adjacent to LL on City property:

\* Existing foundation is 25' x 9'. Prefabs available?

Concession upgrade:

\* Existing building foundation is 16' x 20'. Upgrade on it? Cost?

**Bijou School:**

Soccer Field: Approx 360' x 240' uneven, being made smaller, no action recommended.

Softball field (lighted):

- \* Fences are adequate.
- \* Two covered dugouts are needed. Cost:
- \* Two sets of bleachers are needed. Cost:

Restrooms in nearby building are separated from building classrooms by air lock entry and could be used by field users with acceptable arrangements with LTUSD:

- \* "Kid size" fixtures are in good condition and adequate for adult & older youth use.
- \* Barrier doors to the rest of the building are adequate, may need to change locks.

**South Tahoe High School softball fields:**

Field # 2 being upgraded by LTUSD:

- \* Covered dugouts 42' x 10' with concrete walls (3 sides) & concrete floor.
- \* Two 5-row 21' wide bleachers.
- \* Scoring & concession building, concession at rear – good for both fields.
- \* Restroom is not part of project, but Student Union restrooms will be available.

Note: When complete, this will be the best baseball/softball facility in town; however, it is not large enough for more than softball and Little League baseball use. An issue exists with dugouts obscuring visibility from the bleachers, and the Committee should discuss optional solutions.

Field #1 – assessment of needs:

- \* One 5-row 21' wide bleacher is being supplied with field #2 project.
- \* Covers for two existing 8' x 24' dugouts needed. Cost:
- \* Another bleacher if temporary classroom buildings are removed? Cost estimate \$10,000.
- \* Fences are adequate.
- \* This field approximately 310' to one fence, 285' to the other, so is probably large enough for use by more than softball and Little League users.

**South Tahoe Middle School:**

**Softball field – assessment of needs:**

Side between softball and Babe Ruth field:

- \* Covered dugouts over existing 15' bench. (Longer bench needed?)
- \* Bleachers: Replace existing 3 row x 15' with 5 row x 15', est cost \$9,000 volunteers assemble.  
Add 5 row x 15' behind home plate. (Move scorer's 4' x 6' shed.)

Side toward parking:

- \* Covered dugout over existing 15' bench. (Longer bench needed?)
  - \* Bleachers: Replace existing two 3 row x 15' with two 5 row x 15', or one 5 row x 33'.
  - \* New fence (approx 120 lineal feet) behind bleachers and dugout.
- Note: Cars could parallel park against the fence, so not much parking would be lost.

Consider: Could softball field be enlarged (for example, by moving the fence further toward the tennis courts – there is a 28' space between the softball fence and tennis courts fence – so that a two-field Babe Ruth tournament could be conducted at the site?)

**Babe Ruth Field:**

Improvements for Babe Ruth purposes:

- \* A few sheets scorer's building siding need to be replaced.
- \* Replace fence fabric with wood slats.
- \* Does Babe Ruth expect reimbursement for costs this summer?

Improvements for Softball purposes:

Mold room (20' x 12' size): Babe Ruth has resolved the sources of the mold, removed moldy drywall and insulation, and applied anti-mold material to wood. The room is not being used.

- \* Possible: Repair the room for softball use.

The building has two unused 4' x 4' areas on the upper floor exterior. The room closest to the softball field could be accessed from inside the Babe Ruth scorer's room.

- \* Possible: Install door and windows in that room, use as softball field announcer's booth.
- \* Babe Ruth has a recently-installed sound system that could be used with the addition of speakers at the softball field.

**Community Field (Artificial Turf Field):**

- \* Consider accommodations for bleachers on side toward the jail.
- \* Consider scorekeepers booth and pressbox additions.
- \* Consider improved concession location for serving all STMS fields.

### **Tahoe Valley softball field – assessment of needs:**

- \* Fences are adequate.
- \* Two 6' x 20' dugouts need covers. Dugout toward forest has 3 ½' walkway behind it, tight space; dugout itself is only 6' deep including bench and walkway in front of bench.
- \* Existing are two 3 row x 15' long bleachers. The side toward the forest has no room for a larger bleacher due to the fence; the side toward the basketball court has no more room due to the court, but could add a 3 row x 15' long bleacher further along the baseline.
- \* Existing is a 6' x 24' storage and scorer's building behind home plate.
- \* Two porta-potties are on site. Staff did not check possible access to school restrooms.

### **Community Playfield – assessment of needs:**

- \* Is concession ever going to be finished? If so, are more funds needed to do so? If not, could City fund balance from \$202,500 (\$15,015) that JPA provided be redirected to bleachers?
- \* Bleachers: Existing is a 5 row x 16' bleacher on side toward STPUD, sitting on dirt adjacent to field 10' sideline. There is easily room there and on the side toward LTCC for a ten seat x 32' bleacher as exists at the Babe Ruth field. There is also much sideline room to spectators to bring their own portable seating, etc.
- \* Consider possible scorekeepers booth and pressbox location.

**Sierra House:** The existing field has many areas of different uses, and is generally uneven in terrain; as such, the field is so small as to make improvements minimally feasible.

**Meyers:** Based on comments about high water table issues, staff did not inspect the site.

### **Removable pitchers mounds so that softball and Little League can use the same fields:**

- \* For softball fields to be used for baseball: Two at STHS; 1 each at Al Tahoe, Bijou, and STMS.
  - \* For baseball fields to be used for softball: Three at Little League fields.
- Total = Eight at cost about \$500 each. Confirm storage is available.

### **Batting cages:**

This would require visits to different fields sites and determining space available.

### **Recommendation - Additional field trip by committee to consider items including (but not limited to):**

1. Sizes and configurations of bleachers to recommend at different sites.
2. Dugout structural and seating configurations at different sites. Should we consider more covered dugouts constructed with walls of concrete block, or of wood siding, or of cyclone fencing, or other options? Also, should existing dugout seating be replaced?
3. Evaluate remodel and repair possibilities for scorer's building at STMS.
4. Consider expanded joint-gender use possibilities for all fields.
5. Consider and evaluate suitability of proposed field modifications for soccer usage.
6. Consider needs for obtaining additional portable goals for soccer use.