



Comments on Proposed Dog Park Options at Rollingwood Park / Hatley Fields

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pony fast pitch girls softball playing field dimensions for Pinto and Mustang.pdf;

Hi Makayla, Please forward the following to Council, Parks and RCDC, as it relates to item 9 of the December 17th, 2025 Council meeting.

Dear Members of the City Council, Parks Commission, and RCDC,

I appreciate the ongoing efforts to improve Rollingwood Park with a dedicated dog park that balances the needs of all community users. I've attached visuals of the ~0.4-acre and ~0.6-acre proposals, including an overlay showing the impact of the dog park fence on the outfield (layering field 2 over one of the back fields). These help illustrate the trade-offs in available space. I've also included the Pony field dimensions for the 8u pinto division.

The smaller (~0.4-acre) dog park option appears to better preserve the existing athletic fields, particularly the back fields (Hatley Fields 3, 4 & 5) that are vital for youth sports. Those fields are leased and managed by Western Hills Little League and Western Hills Girls Softball, including 8U girls softball teams that play and host all their home games against neighboring communities on Field 3.

I have significant concerns about the larger (~0.6-acre) option. It remains unclear whether the remaining field space would support meaningful youth sports activities, such as full games or practices for even the youngest divisions. Standard 8U girls softball fields require 55-foot base paths, and outfield distances should accommodate hits that can reach the fence—something my daughter experienced firsthand last fall while playing in the 8U league. Without adequate room for a proper infield and outfield, these fields risk becoming unusable for organized play.

To date, I have not seen any public endorsement from Western Hills Little League or Western Hills Girls Softball confirming that the reduced configuration would still meet their needs. Involving these organizations directly—and securing their input or support—would help ensure any changes truly benefit the entire community without unintended consequences for youth athletics.

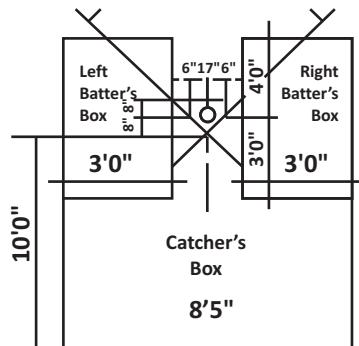
I would support a dedicated dog park plan that accommodates both dog owners and youth sports users effectively, especially if it has the backing of the leagues and little league parents in Rollingwood. Thank you for your consideration and continued work on this important park enhancement.

Thank you,
Jeff Marx





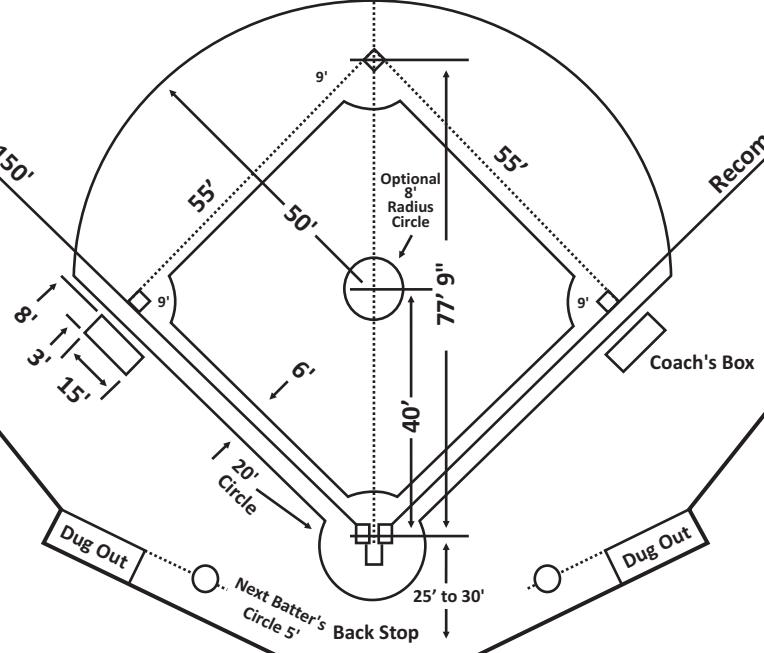
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Batter's Box

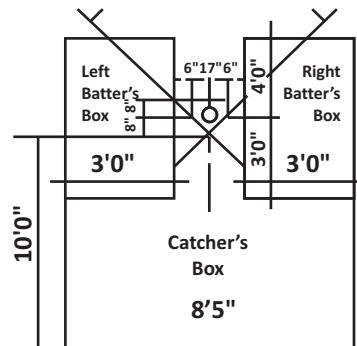
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Recommended Distance to Fence 175' to 200'



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