

Stockholm's Skarpnack Field

2009 World Cup Venue Evaluation



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IBAF Compliance Requirements and Recommendations			IBAF Facility Survey
The following is a summary of items that were not in compliance with the requirements for existing facilities.			
AREA		COMMENTS	
Sound System and Scoreboard			
(recommended) 8.1	Sound System	N/A	
8.2	Scoreboard	NO	NEED NEW SCOREBOARD
8.3	Scoreboard location	YES	LOCATION OK
(recommended) 8.4	Clock	N/A	
Team Facilities			
11.1	Home Clubhouse/Dressing Area	YES	NEED TO CARPET FLOORS AND COMBINE ROOMS
11.2	Shower and Toilet Facilities	YES	
11.3	Training Room	YES	USE OF ANOTHER ROOM
(recommended) 11.4	Team Laundry Facility	N/A	
(recommended) 11.5	Team Equipment Room	N/A	
11.6	Coaches' Lockers	YES	WITH PLAYERS
11.7	Field Manager's Office	YES	WITH PLAYERS
11.8	Visitors Clubhouse/Dressing Area	YES	NEED TO CARPET FLOORS AND COMBINE ROOMS
11.9	Visitors Shower and Toilet Facilities	YES	
11.10	Visitors Training Room	YES	USE OF ANOTHER ROOM
(recommended) 11.11	Visiting Field Manager's Office	N/A	WITH PLAYERS
11.13	Umpire Facilities	YES	USE OF ANOTHER ROOM
(recommended) 11.14	Field/Dugout Access	NO	150 FEET FROM FIELD THROUGH VENUE. SECURITY UPGRADE
(recommended) 11.15	Player Parking	N/A	BUS USAGE
(recommended) 11.16	Hitting/Pitching Tunnels	YES	NEED TO RE NET AND MAKE WIDER TO 20 FT
Playing Field			
12.1	Field Dimensions		
12.2	Playing Surface	NO	REMOVE LIPS AND LASER GRADE INFIELD AND TRACK
12.3	Field Grade	YES	MOUND AREA TO BE RAISED AND HOME PLATE AS WELL
12.4	Field Wall	NO	ALL INTERNAL WALLS AND POLES REQUIRE PADDING
12.5	Bullpens	NO	BULLPENS TOO SMALL- NEED TO WIDEN TO 20 FEET
12.6	Dugouts	NO	DUGOUTS TOO SMALL-NEED TO EXTEND TO 55 FEET
12.7	Field Equipment	N/A	DID NOT SEE ALL FIELD EQUIPMENT ONLY NEW MOWER
12.7.1	Batting Cage	NO	CAGE TOO SMALL-NEED TO WIDEN TO 22 FEET
12.7.2	Field Screens	NO	NEED NEW NETS L-SCREEN 8X8 / 3 SCREENS AT 8X10 FEET
12.7.3	Batter's Eye	NO	NEED TO INSTALL BATTER'S EYE
12.7.4	Foul Poles	NO	NEED WINGS AND MUST BE MINIMUM 30 FEET TALL
(recommended) 12.7.5	Flag Pole	N/A	
12.8	Field Lighting	NO	LIGHTING LEVELS TO BE 750 LUX INFIELD 500 LUX OUTFIELD
(recommended) 12.9	Batting Cage Gate	N/A	
12.10	Backstop	YES	NEED TO INSTALL NETTING BACKSTOP. REMOVE POLES
(recommended) 12.11	Playing Field Tarps	NO	NEED LARGE INFIELD TARP AND MOUND/HOME PLATE

Maintenance					
	13.1	Facility Maintenance and Cleanliness		YES	GENERAL AREA WELL KEPT
	13.2	Field Maintenance		YES	MINIMAL MAINTENANCE. Need to increase detail work
	13.2.1	Playing Field Reconditioning		NO	FIELD REQUIRES RECONDITIONING
	(recommended) 13.2.2	Field Maintenance Materials		N/A	NEED HARDER CLAY FOR MOUNDS AND PLATES
	13.2.3	Layout of Playing Field		N/A	MOVE 2ND BASE TO PROPER POSITION
	(recommended) 13.2.4	Irrigation System		YES	NEED TO ADJUST FOR BETTER COVERAGE
	(recommended) 13.2.5	Field Drainage System		N/A	VENUE MANAGER STATED NO DRAINAGE PROBLEMS

IBAF Field Evaluation

- It should be noted that at the time of these evaluations the 2008 baseball season was not in session.
- For the purpose of this evaluation we would like to summarize our overall findings and offer the operators guidance in bringing your stadium and field into compliance.
- The condition of this field of play was fair and general maintenance operations were being completed at a minimum.
- The ballpark offered some seating but with a potential to develop a seating bowl and add bleachers.
- The evaluation outlines a series of Requirements Recommendations and suggestions for each stadium. This evaluation will focus on 8.1 through 13.2.5 in the IBAF Compliance Recommendations and Requirements section.
- All compliance requirements will need to be addressed before facility is deemed playable for IBAF tournaments.

Requirements for World Cup

- Wall Padding must be installed to cover all fencing and posts throughout the venue. Padding to be specific to IBAF standards for wall pads. A 3-inch thick vinyl covered pad adhered to a plywood backing is recommended.
- Reconstruction of the bullpens, pitcher's mound and home plate using specific IBAF standards. Mound and home plate clays will require specific density for competitions.
- Install new pitching rubbers, plates and bases.
- Level base paths with materials to reduce lips. Purchase tarps for all areas with clay.
- Install center field batter's eye. Currently a natural green tree line in center
- Install outfield warning track to meet specifications of 20 feet.
- Place carpet in locker room to reduce slipping due to metal spikes.
- Put wing on foul poles
- Rebuild both bullpens to meet specifications. A 20ft wide area is required. Build them off the field of play if possible. Provide tarp covers for all mounds and plates. Hitting mats, pitching deck, fungo mats.
- Need to provide protective screens and netting per the following requirements
 - L- screen 8x8 - It is also recommended to pad the L screen. And 3 infield screens 8x10
- Batting cage is required and interior of cage should be 20 feet. Batting tunnel is recommended.
- Level and remove all infield lips. Obtain drying materials for rain delays

Recommendations

- Outfield Grass - The outfield grass needs to be leveled, Rolled and topdressed to ensure smooth surface for tournament . The infield needs to be re-graded to meet regulation baseball specifications. That would include laser grading and adding new materials.
- Lighting for the tournament is an issue. Infield to be a minimum of 750 lux and outfield 500 lux.
- Covered batting tunnel for rain situations is recommended.
- This venue requires upgrades. Press box, seating, scoreboards, foul poles, security fencing, locker room upgrades. etc.
- Purchase a new full infield cover to keep the field dry during rain delays.
- Score booth is recommended , small electronic scoreboard down the LF line is needed- Host group talked about building a temporary structure to accommodate more people under cover (needs for TC's and scorers, etc). Also discussed internet access- it is not there now but host groups figures wireless access could be acquired quite easily.
- Right now there is seating for approximately 200 people- but room down both lines to bring in more portable seating.
- Sprinkler system covers most areas but there is lack of coverage on the RF and LF corners.
- Dressing rooms are about 100 feet from field and teams could use two dressing rooms each to accommodate all players. (4 showers and 2 toilets per group).
- Umpires room would accommodate their needs with one shower and one toilet in each.
- There is a specific requirement of baseball field maintenance equipment.
- This report includes various recommendations for improvement. It is not all inclusive of all potential improvements required for IBAF facilities but rather a guide to move forward in that direction.

Future Improvements

- Suggestions for the future
 - Upgrade the outfield fencing to 8 feet.
 - Build covered batting tunnels beside the bullpens.
 - Remove poles behind backstop and replace with netting suspended with cables.
 - Larger outfield fence means larger fence signs to sell for sponsorships.
 - Combine locker rooms for larger type tournaments.
Install some type of room divider that can be removed as needed for 25-man roster teams.

Field Planning



Batting tunnel needs to be recovered with new netting and widen tunnel for dual use.

Dugouts need to be extended to 55 ft. and all poles need to be padded.



Field and Venue Improvements



Dugout bat boxes and benches, etc.



Batter's eye required and reconstruction of mound and home plate.

Field Improvements



Need to increase size of foul pole and re grade infield, baselines, etc.



Bullpens need to be widened to 20+ ft.

Field Planning



Replacement of L screen to 8x8 unit. Three additional screens at 8x8 w/new nets

Equipment Improvements

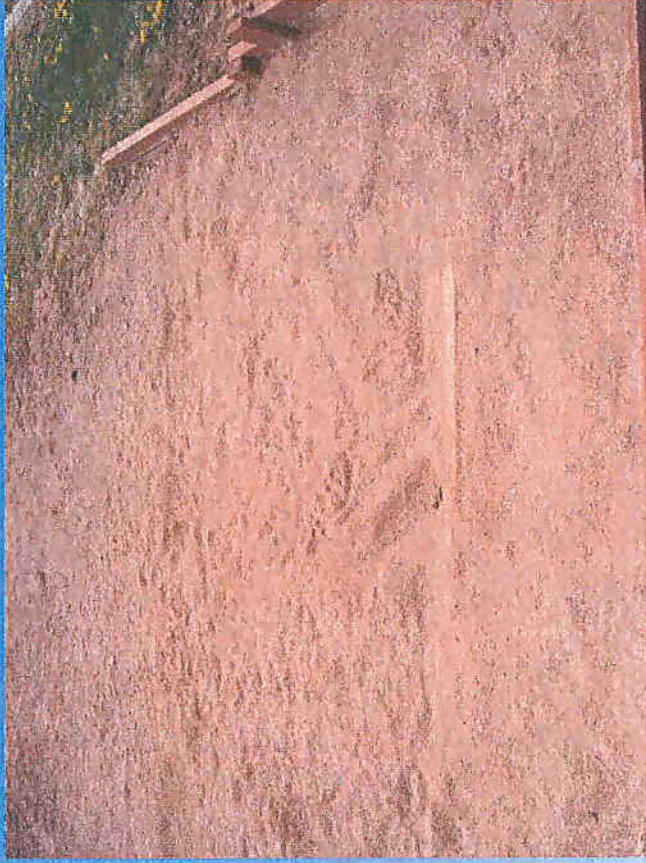


Cage needs to be at least 22 ft. wide



Turf needs to be replanted and irrigation system adjusted to ensure you have right coverage.

Bullpen Area



Need to rebuild bullpens with proper clays.



Replacement of fencing and total padding of all FOP structures.

Locker Rooms



Locker rooms can be combined to provide enough room for 1 team.
Floors will need to be covered.

Conclusion

- The LOC has a planned hotel in close proximity to either park should one be chosen over the other.
- The first field (Sundbyberg) will take a lot more work to get to the desired result needed to host a Senior World Cup.
- We were able to meet with more of the city personnel from this area and they seemed quite willing to make most of the necessary changes to meet the desired results.
- Overall, Jim Babba and I discussed the fact of trying to get two games in a day without lights in September. With batting practice on-field, 9 inning games and field maintenance after each early game- we feel it is not going to be easy to get both games in prior to losing the light for the evening.
- Ideal scenario would be for Skarpnack to get two more poles in the OF (which becomes a legacy for the facility.)
- This field needs less overall work to meet the standards the IBAF requires for the World Cup Event in 2009.

Till samtliga ledamöter i
Idrottsnämnden

Skarpnäck 2008-08-22

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Ärende: VM i baseboll 2009

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I september 2009 kommer Svenska Baseboll och Softboll Förbundet arrangera en del av Baseboll-VM i Sverige. Baseboll-VM kommer att spelas över hela Europa, med gruppspel i Spanien, Tyskland, Tjeckien, Ryssland och Sverige. Lagen går sedan vidare till mellanrunda i Holland och Italien, och slutspelet avgörs i Italien. Totalt kommer Baseboll-VM att omfatta 20 lag från hela världen och spelas på 25 orter runt om i Europa. I och med detta blir detta mästerskap ett av de största internationella lagmästerskap som någonsin arrangerats. För Sveriges del omfattar arrangemanget ett av fem gruppspel, i Stockholmsområdet, med fyra lag där Sveriges landslag är en av deltagarna.

Vår förhoppning som föreningar är att arrangemanget kommer att gå av stapeln där vi har vår verksamhet dvs. Skarpnäcks baseboll- och softbollplan. På Skarpnäcksplanen bedrivs baseboll- och softbollverksamhet av tre föreningar och belastningen på planen är mycket hög. Här finns ungdomslag, juniorlag och seniorlag både på herr- och damsidan. Vi är medvetna om att baseboll och softboll inte är någon stor idrott i Sverige, och vi arbetar hela tiden för att sprida vår idrott ytterligare. I kommunfullmäktiges budget för 2008 är en av målsättningarna att Stockholmsarna ska uppleva ett rikt, varierat och tillgängligt kultur- och idrottsliv där möjligheterna till idrott ska vara många och varierade. Ett arrangemang som Baseboll-VM skulle ge oss en unik möjlighet, och vara en stor draghjälp i spridandet av baseboll och softboll i Stockholm och Sverige. Det skulle även innebära höjd status och möjlighet att konkurrera med andra större idrotter.

För att genomförandet ska vara möjligt krävs en större upprustning av planen och dess kringutrymmen. Svenska Baseboll och Softboll Förbundet är ett litet förbund med små ekonomiska möjligheter, men även mindre idrotter borde ha en möjlighet att genomföra större arrangemang i annat fall kan mångfalden och variationen aldrig öka som vi ser det. Detta kräver en ekonomisk satsning av Stockholms stad. Denna satsning och upprustning kommer att vara väl förvaltade pengar. Dels i form av att fler ungdomar, både pojkar och flickor, kommer att ha möjlighet till en rikare fritid genom att utöva baseboll och softboll vilket främjar både hälsa och ger möjligheter till ett bättre socialt liv. Dels att vi kommer att ha möjlighet att få fler europeiska och internationella mästerskap, turneringar och arrangemang till just Stockholm och Skarpnäck under ett antal år framåt. Stockholm har ju målet att vara en stad i världsklass, ett arrangemang av denna kaliber är ytterligare ett sätt att marknadsföra Stockholm i den riktningen. Stockholm som stad kommer även att få tillbaka en hel del i form av besökare, hotellnätter, restaurangbesök och dylikt. Och inte att förglömma, den mediebevakning som följer ett arrangemang som Baseboll-VM, baseboll är en stor idrott i övriga världen. Vår idrotts internationella koppling bidrar dessutom till integrering framförallt i Skarpnäck, Bagarmossen och Kärrtorp som är vårt huvudsakliga upptagningsområde.

Förutom det som beskrivits ovan har våra föreningar väldigt duktiga medlemmar som förvaltar och upprätthåller planerna i gott skick. Vi tänker också att Skarpnäcks sportfält kunde bli en samlingspunkt för lite udda mindre idrotter. Vi har ju nyss fått Amerikansk

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fotboll som grannar, vilket är väldigt roligt, och vi kan både ha nytta av och stötta varandra i olika sammanhang. Här finns kanske även en möjlighet till samutnyttjande av vissa funktioner.

Som avslutning kan sägas att vi ser Baseboll-VM som en unik möjlighet för våra föreningar att etablera sig ytterligare inom Stockholmsidrotten och hoppas och tror att Idrottsnämndens beslut ska vara positivt. Vi har redan siktet inställt på ett bra arrangemang av VM 2009.

Med vänliga hälsningar



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