

Question and Answer

Question: How do I calculate the number of clay bricks I need to modify my pitchers mound and home plate area.

Answer: The Pitchers mound on an official baseball or Babe Ruth field with 90' baselines has a plateau or flat spot on top measuring approx. 3' x 5' or 15 Square feet. The landing zone is approx. 4' x 6' or 24 square feet. You may want to place the bricks narrower at the top of landing zone close to the pitching rubber and wider at the bottom but the square footage should remain about the same. This gives you 39 square feet. Deduct 1 square foot (6" x 24") for the pitching rubber and you end up with 38 square feet. Each clay brick is 4" x 8" or 32 square inches. To convert the square footage you have to square inches multiply 38 x 144 for a total of 5472 square inches. Divide 5472 by 32 (the number of square inches in a brick) and you will find you need approx. 171 bricks for the pitchers mound. This number can be adjusted to conform to the individual wear pattern of your pitchers mound.

The home plate area has two batters boxes, measuring 4' x 6' each




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and a catchers box measuring 3' 7" x 5'. These total 9492 square inches for a total of 297 bricks in the home plate area. ♦

Nominations for SFMANJ Board of Directors for 2005 Come vote at 2004 Expo

Here is your chance to have a voice in 2005 leadership of the SFMANJ. We are now accepting nominations for Board of Directors. You are welcomed to nominate yourself.

There are 12 people representing Parks & Recreation, Schools, Colleges, Professional DPW, Facilities, Education/Extension, Commercial/Contractors and Buildings & Grounds who serve on the chapters' Board of Directors. Each Director serves a two-year term beginning January 1, 2005. There are four openings. A nomination committee will select members based on the following criteria:

1. Have been interested and active in SFMANJ (a member in good standing)
2. Are proven leaders
3. Are representative of the entire organization, both professionally and geographically
4. Are willing to commit time to the development of our organization
5. Understand when accepting this nomination you are expected to attend one meeting a month (evenings, minimum of 8 meetings), be a Chairperson of one committee, report on that committee at the monthly meeting and help with field days.

If you or someone you know are interested in serving on the Board of Directors fax or send your name, address and phone number where you may be reached. E-mail or fax by November 30, 2004 to: SFMANJ, PO Box 370, Annandale, NJ 08801 or fax to 908-730-7770 ♦