

Girls Fast Pitch Softball Park Pavilions



ARCHITEXAS provided architectural and master planning services for a soft ball park of 130 acres. The plan included three park pavilions to serve two clusters, of four fields each. A central structure was needed as a common gathering place, as well as a shade pavilion for each four diamond cluster. Eight central pavilion concepts were analyzed, until one approach was selected for refinement. Four almost identical individual structures were grouped side by side, with their front pediments and columns laterally aligned. The combined porticos formed an axis directed to the flanking shade pavilions, at the convergence of the four diamonds. In between the four structures are three breezeways, which lead to a rear picnic area, overlooking the children's playground. Above them a stainless steel cable trellis, espaliers down the walls to a gravel bed planted with trumpet vines. The new pavilions anchor an entry sequence of a serpentine nature, around a lagoon and approaching along a grand frontal allee. Parking for 300 cars will ultimately flank this orientation and circulation spine. The structural language is of cast concrete, limestone concrete unit masonry, and stainless steel window, door and trim elements, topped with galvanized standing-seam roofs. The austere, but monumental structures provide a bold backdrop for the animation and color of competitive sports.

Location

North Richland Hills, Texas

Project Duration

1996 - 1998

Cost of Construction

\$250,000

Square Footage

130 acres

Scope of Services

Master planning services

Architectural services

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