

UC Berkeley Beach Volleyball Facility Summary of Submitted Questions and University Responses

1. How will the project accommodate the existing recreation programs – such as softball, archery, and summer campus – both during construction and long-term?

Intercollegiate Athletics (IA) is working with Rec Sports to identify feasible alternative sites for the current recreational uses at the project site. The current recreational softball games would relocate to Levine-Fricke softball field on Centennial Road. Rec Sports youth summer camps (Blue Camp) could potentially use Golden Bear Field, the space behind Building 22, or be distributed to other green spaces on the Clark Kerr Campus, such as near buildings 8 or 4. We anticipate having a plan developed and ready to share in the fall.

The project design is being refined to include an archery field so that the existing archery program can return to the site after construction. IA and the design team are consulting with Katie Fletcher, Sports Club Director to establish the requirements for this activity. IA and the design team will also consult with select representatives of the archery team to discuss design and transition issue. During construction, archery will work with IA and the Sport Club Director to find an alternate location.

2. How would the project affect trees around the project site?

The project design team is working with the campus on finding ways to avoid the removal of trees from the site, while ensuring the facility is safe. An arborist and campus landscape architect reviewed the current health of the trees and will determine whether any might be potential specimen trees that must be protected, per campus policy. The existing redwoods at the southeast corner of the project site, on Sports Lane, would be preserved.

3. Would the new facility be open to the community?

Intercollegiate Athletics would manage the facility and provide time when it could be reserved by the public for recreation. The exact hours of non-IA use for this particular facility remain to be determined and would change seasonally. We anticipate having a plan for community access developed and ready to share later in the fall. Use of the facility would be limited to recreation and athletic uses.

4. Why is this a priority when there are other recreational facility needs, both on the CKC and elsewhere on campus?

Chancellor Christ has made clear that gender equity is a crucial, over-arching value for the campus that demands equitable facilities for its women and men student-athletes. In addition, the campus must also maintain compliance with Title IX that supports and enforces that same value. The campus's commitment to gender equity is not dependent or based on the size of a program, or the number of participants. So, the University is working to provide existing women's teams with fields, courts, and associated amenities that are similar to what their male counterparts at Cal already enjoy.

5. Why does the site need lighting? Large lights affect the neighbors.

The project includes lighting to accommodate evening recreation and safety for site users, as well as to facilitate intercollegiate level competition after dusk. The existing softball field has lights, which allow the field to be used until 10 pm. By providing better lighting, the site can provide more access throughout the year, particularly during the school year in late fall or early spring. As an urban college campus, UC Berkeley has very limited recreational venues for its students, so it must make efficient use of its recreational facilities by providing the greatest possible access to the communities it serves.

The existing field lights provide inconsistent lighting levels throughout the playing area. The new lights would be focused LEDs, directed downward towards the playing surface in order to facilitate IA and recreational usage and competition. The project architects have analyzed lighting and found that the proposed lighting levels would have little to no spill beyond the court areas. Additionally, the trees surrounding the site would help block light spill from the new facility.

6 How will amplified sound be managed?

IA and the design team will work with Audio Engineers on the placement, direction and sound levels of the speakers to minimize their affect beyond the area adjacent to the field of play. In general, the campus strives to operate within City of Berkeley noise limits whenever possible.

7. Will this generate traffic congestion and parking? How will parking be managed?

The IA Beach Volleyball program is already using beach volleyball courts on Clark Kerr Campus, and we do not anticipate an increase in traffic or demand for parking from the expected day-to-day operations of the new facility.

The IA Beach Volleyball team hosts about six or seven home matches each year, typically on Friday, Saturday or Sunday afternoons. These matches currently attract around 50 spectators. While the new facility may increase the interest in the sport, IA does not expect regular attendance to change dramatically.

The vast majority of recreation users during the typical day on the Clark Kerr Campus are UC Berkeley students, who typically walk or bike to the site. Intercollegiate Athletics does not anticipate renting the beach volleyball facility for non-athletic large events. Therefore, typical parking demand could be met on the CKC.

Events, such as playoffs or invitational games, may occur a few times in a year, but they would be infrequent and IA would work with Parking & Transportation to provide appropriate access to these special events. This may include reserved parking in Clark Kerr parking lots for match spectators.

Consistent with campus policy, all campus parking is priced to discourage students, staff, and visitors from driving. Campus parking would be available to spectators in the lots, for a fee, on the Clark Kerr Campus. All of the city streets surrounding the Clark Kerr Campus are included in the City of Berkeley's residential parking permit zone, which limits the number of hours non-residents can park -- typically two hours.

8. Is this consistent with the Covenants?

The covenants are technical legal documents that are enforceable only by the parties to the covenants. Parties to the covenants (or their attorneys) should direct concerns about the covenants in writing to the campus Office of Legal Affairs. Because the covenants are technical legal agreements, the campus addresses concerns about the covenants through written communications. Attorneys for the campus will respond in writing to the concerns that the campus has already received regarding the application of the covenants to the beach volleyball project.

9. What other sites were considered?

The campus evaluated multiple sites for the proposed facility, including renovating the existing court area, moving the program to another UC Berkeley development site, or moving the facility off site. Ultimately, it was determined the CKC softball field was best option for accommodating the necessary program requirements while making efficient use of limited land resources for recreation.