



Department of Parks and Recreation Cricket Batting Cage Construction & Installation

Deadline for Submission: September 30, 2026, by 3:00 pm

PURPOSE

The Charter Township of Meridian, through its Parks and Recreation Department, is requesting proposals from qualified contractors for the furnishing and installation of a double side-by-side cricket batting cage facility at Towner Road Park.

The project will consist of two adjacent cricket training lanes constructed side-by-side, each approximately 72 feet long by 12 feet wide by 12 feet high, resulting in an overall enclosed cage area of approximately 72 feet by 24 feet. A 70-foot by 14-foot by 14-foot lane configuration reflects a commercially common cricket-net size and provides additional overhead clearance for cricket practice. Each lane shall include a dedicated bowler run-up extending beyond the rear end of the enclosed cage as specified in this RFP. The project will include a concrete foundation over a properly compacted, non-frost-susceptible aggregate subbase, a cricket-specific synthetic playing mat or pitch system, structural steel framing, and permanent heavy-duty cricket-specific enclosure systems.

The Township is seeking a complete, turnkey, permanent, heavy-duty, cricket-specific outdoor facility designed for high-frequency use and year-round environmental conditions in Michigan. The facility shall be designed specifically for cricket training and shall accommodate cricket batting, bowling, wicket practice, and repeated impact from cricket balls, including hard cricket balls used in adult competitive play.

PROJECT SCOPE

The successful contractor shall furnish all labor, materials, equipment, supervision, transportation, installation, and related services necessary to complete the project.

The anticipated project components include, but are not limited to:

Site Preparation

The contractor shall:

- Verify existing site conditions prior to construction
- Layout and stake the proposed batting cage location
- Prepare the site for installation
- Dispose of materials as necessary to accommodate the installation
- Complete excavation and grading necessary for the concrete foundation and finished surface
- Excavate unsuitable existing material as necessary and provide a properly compacted, non-frost-susceptible aggregate subbase beneath the concrete foundation
- Address drainage and positive surface drainage to prevent standing water within the enclosed cricket lanes, dedicated bowler run-up areas, or immediately adjacent to the foundation
- Protect existing park facilities, trees, landscaping, utilities, pathways, and other improvements
- Restore any areas disturbed by construction upon completion

The contractor shall verify all existing utility locations prior to excavation.

CONCRETE FOUNDATION PAD

Provide and install a complete concrete foundation system suitable for permanent outdoor installation in the Lansing, Michigan climate, constructed over a properly compacted, non-frost-susceptible aggregate subbase.

The concrete pad shall:

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- Accommodate two side-by-side enclosed cricket lanes, each approximately 72 feet long by 12 feet wide by 12 feet high, for an overall enclosed cage area of approximately 72 feet by 24 feet, plus the required bowler run-up areas
 - Be designed and constructed to support the structural framing and expected use of the facility
 - Include engineered concrete thickness, concrete strength, non-frost-susceptible aggregate subbase, control joints, finishing, and subgrade preparation necessary for the intended application and climate
 - Be constructed in accordance with applicable building codes and industry standards
 - Provide a smooth, level, and properly sloped surface suitable for installation of artificial turf
 - Include appropriate drainage considerations
 - Be installed over a properly prepared subgrade and properly compacted, non-frost-susceptible aggregate subbase

The contractor shall identify the proposed excavation depth, aggregate type and depth, concrete thickness, concrete strength, and subgrade preparation in the proposal. The complete foundation system shall be designed to minimize frost heaving, differential settlement, cracking, and movement caused by Michigan freeze/thaw cycles.

Base enclosed-cage dimensions: Approximately 72 feet long by 24 feet wide, consisting of two approximately 70-foot by 12-foot lanes, with an approximately 12-foot clear height, plus dedicated bowler run-up areas. Contractors may recommend minor dimensional adjustments necessary to accommodate the proposed cage system, provided each enclosed lane remains approximately 72 feet long by 12 feet wide by 12 feet high and the overall enclosed facility remains approximately 72 feet by 24 feet. Any adjustment shall preserve the cricket-training functionality, required clearances, and bowler run-up requirements and is subject to Township approval.

ARTIFICIAL TURF

Provide and install a commercial-grade outdoor athletic playing surface incorporating a cricket-specific synthetic playing mat or pitch system suitable for batting, bowling, wicket practice, and repeated use with hard cricket balls.

The artificial turf shall:

- Cover the full playing area of both enclosed lanes and provide a smooth continuation through each required bowler run-up area
- Be designed for outdoor use and prolonged exposure to weather
- Be UV resistant
- Be suitable for high-frequency recreational use
- Be installed over an appropriately prepared surface
- Include all necessary adhesive, seams, edging, infill, shock pad or underlayment, if recommended, and related installation materials
- Provide a durable and relatively low-maintenance playing surface
- Be installed in accordance with the manufacturer's specifications

The contractor shall identify the proposed turf manufacturer, product, pile height, backing, infill system, warranty, and anticipated useful life.

The proposed system shall include a cricket-specific synthetic mat or pitch product. The proposal shall identify the playing characteristics, installation method, seam and edge treatment, compatibility with hard cricket balls and cricket footwear, maintenance requirements, warranty, and anticipated useful life.

CRICKET BATTING CAGE STRUCTURE

Provide and install a complete structural framing system fabricated from structural steel suitable for permanent outdoor use for two side-by-side cricket training lanes.

Each enclosed cricket lane shall be approximately 72 feet long by 12 feet wide by 12 feet high.

The structure shall include:

- Structural vertical posts
- Overhead framing
- Appropriate cross-bracing and structural supports
- Anchoring system
- All necessary hardware and connection components
- Hot-dip galvanizing or an equivalent corrosion-resistant system specifically approved by the Township for long-term outdoor exposure on all exposed structural steel
- Structural components designed to withstand normal wind and weather conditions

The two enclosed lanes shall be constructed immediately adjacent in a side-by-side configuration, resulting in an overall enclosed cage area of approximately 72 feet by 24 feet. Each lane shall include a dedicated bowler run-up extending a minimum of 10 feet beyond the rear end of the enclosed cage, with approximately 10 to 15 feet preferred where site conditions permit. The transition between the enclosed cricket lane and the run-up shall be smooth, level, and free of trip hazards. An alternative configuration may be considered only with prior written Township approval.

The contractor shall provide structural specifications, including:

Powder coating may be provided in addition to hot-dip galvanizing but shall not be considered a substitute for corrosion protection unless specifically approved by the Township.

- Post dimensions
- Structural material
- Steel gauge/thickness, where applicable
- Hot-dip galvanizing and any supplemental finish or coating
- Anchoring method
- Wind-load rating
- Manufacturer
- Warranty

NETTING / CAGE ENCLOSURE

Each cricket lane shall include a permanent, heavy-duty, cricket-specific outdoor enclosure system with complete overhead, side, end, and divider netting supported by a galvanized structural steel system. The enclosure and steel support system shall be comparable in permanence and outdoor durability to the steel systems used for the pickleball courts at Towner Road Park, while the impact enclosure material shall remain suitable and safe for repeated cricket-ball impact.

Netting shall:

- Extend the full approximately 72-foot length of each enclosed lane
- Extend the full approximately 12-foot width and approximately 12-foot height of each enclosed lane
- Provide overhead coverage
- Provide side coverage
- Be appropriately secured to the structural framing
- Be suitable for outdoor athletic applications
- Be UV resistant and weather resistant
- Be designed to withstand repeated cricket ball impact
- Be replaceable without requiring replacement of the entire structural system

The contractor shall specify:

- Netting material
- Mesh size
- Netting thickness
- Breaking strength
- UV/weather resistance
- Manufacturer

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- Warranty
 - Expected service life under normal outdoor use

Heavy-duty cricket-specific netting is mandatory. The netting shall be designed for high-frequency outdoor use and repeated impact from hard cricket balls used in adult competitive play. The contractor shall provide samples and technical data demonstrating impact suitability, breaking strength, UV resistance, weather resistance, attachment details, and expected service life.

SAFETY

The completed facility shall be designed and installed to provide a safe recreational environment.

The contractor shall:

- Eliminate sharp edges and exposed hardware where practical
- Properly secure all structural components
- Secure netting to prevent unintended gaps
- Anchor the structure appropriately
- Provide appropriate clearances
- Ensure the completed installation complies with applicable building and safety requirements
- Provide recommended safety information and maintenance procedures

The contractor shall identify any safety equipment or protective components recommended for the facility.

DRAINAGE

The contractor shall provide a complete drainage solution based on existing site conditions. Standing water shall not be permitted within the cricket playing area or immediately adjacent to the foundation. The contractor shall identify proposed surface slopes, subbase drainage, perimeter drainage, and stormwater discharge, and shall explain how the system will perform during snowmelt, heavy rainfall, and freeze/thaw conditions.

The proposal shall identify any required:

- Drainage improvements
- Grading
- Aggregate base
- Perimeter drainage
- Drainage outlets
- Other stormwater management measures

The completed facility shall positively drain and shall minimize frost-related movement, erosion, standing water, and premature deterioration of the cricket-specific playing surface, run-up areas, aggregate subbase, reinforced concrete foundation, and surrounding site.

SITE RESTORATION

Upon completion of construction, the contractor shall restore all areas disturbed by construction.

Restoration may include:

- Final grading
- Topsoil
- Seed
- Sod
- Restoration of pathways or adjacent surfaces
- Removal of excess materials
- Removal of construction debris
- Final cleanup

All disturbed areas shall be left in a condition acceptable to the Township.

PERMITS AND CODE COMPLIANCE

The contractor shall be responsible for identifying all permits, inspections, and approvals required for the proposed installation.

The contractor shall:

- Obtain permits for which the contractor is responsible
- Coordinate required inspections
- Complete work in accordance with applicable federal, state, county, and local requirements
- Comply with applicable Michigan construction requirements and Township standards

The contractor shall identify all anticipated permit fees separately in the proposal.

PROJECT SCHEDULE

The contractor shall provide a proposed project schedule with the proposal.

The schedule shall include anticipated:

- Notice to proceed
- Mobilization
- Site preparation
- Concrete installation
- Concrete curing
- Structural installation
- Turf installation
- Netting installation
- Final inspection
- Project completion

The Township anticipates construction will occur during a mutually agreed-upon period and will coordinate the construction schedule around existing park programming and activities.

Contractors shall identify the anticipated number of calendar days required to complete the project.

CONTRACTOR QUALIFICATIONS

Proposers shall demonstrate experience with projects of similar size and complexity.

At a minimum, proposals shall include:

1. Company name, address, telephone number, and primary contact
2. Years in business
3. Relevant licensing and certifications
4. Description of at least three similar projects completed within the past five years
5. References for comparable projects
6. Experience installing athletic turf
7. Experience installing batting cages, sports netting, cricket facilities, or similar athletic structures
8. Identification of subcontractors, if applicable
9. Evidence of appropriate insurance coverage
10. Manufacturer information for major components

Preference may be given to contractors with demonstrated experience installing cricket-specific facilities.

INSURANCE

Prior to beginning work, the successful contractor shall provide the Township with certificates of insurance meeting Township requirements.

At a minimum, the contractor shall maintain:

- General Liability Insurance
- Automobile Liability Insurance

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- Workers' Compensation Insurance as required by law

The contractor shall name the **Charter Township of Meridian** as an additional insured where required by the Township.

WARRANTY

The proposal shall identify all applicable warranties.

At a minimum, proposers shall provide warranty information for:

- Structural framing
- Concrete installation
- Artificial turf
- Netting
- Hardware and anchoring systems

The contractor shall identify the duration and terms of each warranty and explain the process for submitting warranty claims.

PROPOSAL PRICING

Proposals shall provide a complete project price for the base scope of work.

Pricing shall include all labor, materials, equipment, transportation, installation, supervision, permits, disposal, mobilization, and other costs necessary to complete the project.

Base Proposal

Item Description	Cost
1 Site preparation and excavation	\$_____
2 Subbase/drainage	\$_____
3 Concrete foundation pad	\$_____
4 Structural cage framing	\$_____
5 Artificial turf system	\$_____
6 Side and overhead netting	\$_____
7 Gates/access	\$_____
8 Installation	\$_____
9 Site restoration	\$_____
10 Permits/fees	\$_____
11 Other	\$_____
TOTAL BASE BID	\$_____

CHANGE ORDERS

No additional work or changes to the approved scope shall be performed without prior written authorization from the Township.

The contractor shall notify the Township of any anticipated additional costs before performing the work. Unauthorized work shall be performed at the contractor's expense.

SITE VISIT

Contractors are strongly encouraged to inspect the proposed project location prior to submitting a proposal.

Contractors shall familiarize themselves with:

- Existing site conditions
- Access to the site

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- Existing grades
 - Drainage
 - Utilities
 - Adjacent recreational facilities
 - Construction access
 - Material staging areas

Failure to inspect the site shall not constitute grounds for additional compensation due to conditions that could reasonably have been identified through a site visit.

Site visit contact:

Meridian Township Parks and Recreation Director, Courtney Wisinski

Phone: 517-853-4604

Email: wisinski@meridian.mi.us

PROPOSAL SUBMISSION REQUIREMENTS

Each proposal shall include:

1. Completed proposal form
2. Total base bid
3. Alternate pricing, if applicable
4. Project schedule
5. Description of proposed batting cage system
6. Structural steel, corrosion-protection, foundation, excavation, aggregate subbase, and anchoring specifications
7. Cricket-specific synthetic playing mat or pitch system specifications, including run-up surface and transitions
8. Mandatory heavy-duty cricket-specific netting and galvanized steel enclosure-system specifications
9. Warranty information
10. Contractor qualifications and experience
11. References
12. Insurance information
13. List of subcontractors
14. Proposed maintenance requirements
15. Identification of exclusions
16. Any assumptions or deviations from this RFP

EVALUATION OF PROPOSALS

The Township reserves the right to evaluate proposals based on factors including, but not limited to:

- Overall project cost
- Completeness of proposal
- Contractor experience
- Experience with similar athletic facilities
- Quality and durability of proposed materials
- Quality of artificial turf
- Quality and durability of netting
- Structural design
- Warranty
- Project schedule
- Maintenance requirements
- References
- Ability to meet Township requirements

The lowest price will not necessarily be the sole determining factor in selecting the successful proposer.

The Township reserves the right to reject any or all proposals, waive minor irregularities, request clarification, negotiate with proposers, and select the proposal determined to be in the best interest of the Charter Township of Meridian.

TOWNSHIP CONTACT

Questions regarding this Request for Proposal should be directed to:

Meridian Township Parks and Recreation Department

c/o Director Courtney Wisinski

2100 Gaylord C. Smith Ct.

Haslett, MI 48840

Phone: 517-853-4604

Email: wisinski@meridian.mi.us

All questions regarding the RFP should be submitted in writing. Any material clarification or amendment to this RFP will be provided to all known proposers.

ESTIMATED CONTRACT AWARD TIMELINE

- Wednesday, September 16, 2026: RFP Released
- Wednesday, September 30, 2026: Proposals Due
- Wednesday, October 7, 2026: Award Contract
- Thursday, December 31, 2026: Project Completed

Proposals may be submitted to Meridian Township, Office of the Clerk, 5151 Marsh Road, Okemos, MI 48864. Furnish the original proposal in an envelope with the company name. Bids may also be submitted electronically at bids@meridian.mi.us. Provide the following on the outside of the envelope or in the subject line if submitting electronically:

“PROPOSAL – Cricket Batting Cage Construction & Installation”