

# Sports Venue PADDING

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In July of 2010, the Washington Nationals requested a field visit with Sports Venue Padding to evaluate their field padding and provide a comprehensive proposal

to replace the field padding in Nationals Park. During the field visit, the Nationals noted problem areas and an overall dissatisfied feeling towards the performance of their current field pads (only three years old). Sports Venue Padding delivered a comprehensive and specific proposal to the Nationals to replace their stadium field padding, provide custom solutions for the problems areas, and work with the teams' sponsorship department to incorporate sponsor/team signage in conjunction with the project to be completed prior to Opening Day 2011. In this project, Sports Venue Padding proposed **three custom solutions** to address problems areas noted by the Nationals during the field visit:

- One-piece, wood-backed, L-Shape pads to replace two-piece floppy pads on baselines and bullpens
- One-piece outfield wall pads to replace two-piece (one Velcro) pads on the left field wall
- Custom, tight, wood-backed, bullpen angle pads, crosslink fence padding to replace sagging, floppy pads

The Nationals selected an 18 ounce, high UV inhibitor, 5-year warranty, pro-stadium vinyl for this project. The Nationals also requested to use the integrated digital printing system for their sponsor and team signage on the field padding to replace the vinyl decals they previously used that would peel, tear, and fade and became costly to continually replace.

The field padding and signage project was completed weeks before Opening Day and the Nationals were extremely satisfied with the final product and amazed that Sports Venue Padding was able to provide solutions to their problems areas. Sports Venue Padding continues to work throughout the season with the Nationals on sponsor/team signage changes and any service items during the 2011 season. The Washington Nationals utilized all facets and services provided by Sports Venue Padding – engineering, design, fabrication, production, installation, and most important outstanding customer service.

**Project:** Nationals Park  
**Client:** Washington Nationals  
**Completion Date:** 3/4/2011  
**Vendor:** Sports Venue Padding



“It has been an absolute pleasure working with Sports Venue Padding over the last several years. Their team’s sense of urgency and quality of work has been outstanding in every aspect. We’ve collaborated on numerous projects, all of which have resulted in unqualified successes, and I will continue to recommend their services in the future.”

**Frank Gambino**  
*Vice President, Facilities*  
*Washington Nationals*

As the industry leader in custom solutions for difficult to cover areas, Sports Venue Padding – located in Los Angeles, California – evaluates, designs, fabricates, and installs field padding for your facility to provide the necessary protection for players while maintaining a beautiful finish.

In addition to providing custom solutions, Sports Venue Padding works with the team and facility to produce and install their sponsor or team advertising through a digitally integrated printing system. This unique system prints sponsor or team advertising directly onto the teams' custom colored vinyl.

The combination of custom solutions and an integrated digital printing system separates Sports Venue Padding from other padding manufacturers in the United States. In 2011, Sports Venue Padding worked with eleven of the thirty Major League Baseball teams; ranging from full stadium padding and signage projects to dugout railing/signage and projects sizes in-between.

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