

BACK DROP INSTALLATION

Backdrops

Backdrops can be supported by cable and turnbuckle, high-tension wire or a track system.

- Perimeter curtains should be a minimum of 10' high, but we recommend 12' as the optimal height, and they may be as high as the wall.
- Maximum recommended length on a 10' or 12' high piece is 60' (for handling).
- Top and side hems typically have brass grommets spaced 15" apart for hanging on cable with snaps.
- Bottom hems weighted with lead rope may be appropriate in certain instances and are generally recommended with lighter-weight curtains.

There are several choices of hanging heights for backdrop curtains.

- Some facilities prefer to install them so that they hang 1/4"-2" above the court surface for a neat, finished look.
- Others want curtains that lie on the surface to provide better ball containment and to reduce swaying, although this may lead to wear on the curtain bottom and abrasion of the court surface.
- Curtains should not be permitted to lie more than 1" on the court surface.
- Backdrops are also available in either straight-corner design or with angled California corners, which can include tucks to provide easy fastening of divider curtains to backdrops.

MEASURING FOR BACKDROP

- Each inside court is best fitted with a single curtain that is 60' long or shorter. Where it is hung depends on the location of the court entrances; it does not necessarily have to start at the end of the divider curtain.
- If entrance to the court is through a split wing at the end of the divider net, then one curtain extending from the split wing to the next court's split wing is the best arrangement. Allow 1' of additional curtain at each wing.
- If a full-height door flap is used and positioned behind the baseline, then curtain sizes will be determined by where the door flap is located. Allow 1' overlap at the door flap.
- If the plan calls for court entrances to be through the overlaps in the backdrop curtains, these need to be situated away from the main frames and again overlapped by 1'. Each backdrop should be overlapped along the length by 2', except at the end, where there should be 1' extra material to wrap around.

*NOTE: All vinyl in our divider curtains, replacement skirts, backdrops and padding has been registered with the California State Fire Marshal as a flame-retardant product, as identified in Section 13115, California Health and Safety Code, under Registration #F-222.00.