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Philadelphia Eagles

Football Practice Facility – NovaCare Training Complex
Philadelphia, PA



"We considered another bubble, a metal building and other fabric structure suppliers. Our engineer and architect **strongly recommended that we choose Universal Fabric Structures** to supply the new indoor practice field. The **quality** of the environment, lighting system and overall aesthetics confirmed we made the right decision. The **SPORTHALL is now the focal point** of our new practice facility. The players and coaches love it."

- Facility Manager, Philadelphia Eagles

Background

For about 15 years the Philadelphia Eagles indoor practice facility was a white “air bubble” in the north parking lot of the old Veteran’s Stadium. The “bubble” was always cold and damp inside, with “stale air” and a musty smell according to players and coaches. The Eagles decided they needed an upgrade to their facility. Since the old bubble was supported by air pressure the only entrance was a revolving door that kept the pressure inside. Jon Runyan, an Eagles offensive lineman, remembers trying to get through that door leaving practice, “I remember getting stuck in that door. You had to kind of time it out. Some guys would run and others would go slow and the door would get stuck.”

Scope of Work

Construct a facility that would be large enough for the team to conduct practice indoors while providing a comfortable environment for the players and coaches. The new facility had to be built to withstand the harsh weather conditions in the Mid-Atlantic region of the country.

Solution

The “bubble” was finally demolished to add a parking lot while Citizen’s Bank Park was being constructed for the Phillies. Eagles’ ownership decided to look for a better solution for the new facility. Eventually their search ended after they saw what Universal Fabric Structures could deliver. Now when the Eagles are forced to move practice indoors they work out in a state-of-the-art, steel framed, PVC coated membrane covered structure over turf that is regulation width and 80 yards long. It was installed with a complete HVAC system ensuring optimum practice conditions year round. The entire structure is 200 feet wide, 300 feet long, 70 feet high and has been used by the team since it was constructed in 2002. Since then it has withstood the harsh weather conditions of southeastern Pennsylvania including wind, snow, rain and ice.





Since 2002, the indoor practice facility has played a key part in the Eagles training.





About Philadelphia Eagles

Established in 1933, the Philadelphia Eagles are a professional American football team based in Philadelphia, Pennsylvania. They are members of the East Division of the National Football Conference (NFC) in the National Football League (NFL). The Eagles have won three NFL titles and have made two Super Bowl appearances. Many former Eagles players have gone on to the Professional Football Hall of Fame.

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About Universal Fabric Structures

Universal Fabric Structures (USA) is committed to providing high quality, cost effective, engineered fabric structure systems based on customer-driven needs. Established in 1983, the company has delivered on this commitment providing solutions for military, sport, industrial, and commercial and event applications. Projects include professional sports teams, NCAA institutions and private clubs throughout the world.

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