

THE SEATING CHART

Citizens Bank Park

→ This year marks the 20th birthday of 42,901-seat CBP—in our view, the best-designed ballpark in the country. Michael Harris, Phillies VP of marketing and new media, agrees. “It feels like a cliché,” he says, “but it’s 100 percent true that there isn’t a bad seat in the place.” Are we all a little biased? Hell, yes. But this seat cheat sheet makes a pretty good case. Go Phils!

Extra-close proximity to Ashburn Alley and its food. Chickie’s & Pete’s Crabfries! Campo’s cheesesteaks! Sections 101-103 & 146-148.



Close to the action: “I love the lower-level outfield seats,” Harris says. “You get an up-close view of all the great catches, and it’s a fantastic value.” Sections 101-107 & 142-148.

Standing-room ticket? You might still find a seat at the high-tops on the CP Rankin rooftop above Ashburn Alley.

For shade: “This was built to be a very open facility,” Harris says; shade can be hard to come by. But “that third-base line gets shade before anywhere else during summer evening games.” (P.S.: You’ll find sunscreen dispensers around the stadium.)

A little protection from the elements: Club seats may have premium views, but sections 119-128 are better at guarding you from drizzle and the harshest sun. Same with 233-237, the 400 section, and the back rows of the 100 level.

If you want to land on TV, sit here, behind the right-handed batters (they come up more often!), in the front of sections 130 & 131. Or sit behind either dugout—there are permanent cameras there, Harris says. And of course, the CP Rankin Diamond Club seats right behind home plate get a lot of screen time.



Where to hang while traffic clears: Pass and Stow and Kona Big Wave Bar at the third-base gate plaza stay open for business after the game.

Prime Phillies dugout view: Celebration dances! Frustration! Top-steppin’ it! Sections 129-132.

For face-to-snout action with the Phanatic, go for the front of sections 116 & 117.

The best read of the ball off the bat: Sections 122-125 & 220-224.



The best views of all: “From the terrace level, you see the entirety of the ballpark and the Center City skyline,” Harris says of the 300 level. “So picturesque.”

Pro tip: If it’s looking like rain, scoop up super-cheap tickets on the secondary market, then wait. The game will be rescheduled, and you’ll have arbitrated some nice seats from someone with a less flexible schedule.

Mobility issues? There’s wheelchair (and companion) seating throughout CBP. But they do sell out! Plan ahead.

Wanna catch a foul? Physicist Meredith Wills says sections 214-217 & 227-230 are your best bets, statistically: “If you can pick seats based on the lineup, position yourself on the non-pull side of the best hitters. Foul balls are frequently the result of batters being late on fastballs.”

