

BLEACHER INSPECTION CHECKLIST

Location: _____ Date: _____ Completed By: _____

	Yes	No	Corrective Action
STRUCTURAL- GENERAL			
Is adequate bearing provided? (The structure must bear uniformly on the floor or ground in a manner so as to safely support the structure.)			
Are all components and systems in proper working condition?			
When walking on the bleachers, do they feel unsafe in any way?			
Are there any signs of corrosion or rot on structural supports, floorboards or seating?			
Are materials used in the construction of outdoor installations weather resistant?			
Where wood is used, is it naturally durable or preservative-treated wood?			
Are fasteners made of aluminum, copper, zinc, zinc-coated, or other corrosion-resistant materials?			
If indoor installation, is it corrosion resistant? (Installations located in interior corrosive environments, such as those located in conjunction with indoor pools, shall be corrosion resistant.)			
Are components or fasteners broken, damaged, badly deteriorated or missing?			
GUARDRAILS			
Are guardrails present along open-sided walking surfaces, cross aisles, stepped aisles, ramps and landings of tiered seating areas which are located more than 30 inches above the floor or grade below? Exception: When bleachers are used adjacent to a wall and the space between the wall and the seating is less than 4 inches.			
Is the top surface of the guardrail at least 42 inches above the leading edge of the footboard, seatboard, or aisle, whichever is present?			
Are guardrails provided for the full width of the aisle where the foot of the aisle is more than 30 inches above the floor or ground below?			
OPENINGS			
Are open guardrails constructed of materials such that a 4-inch-diameter sphere cannot pass through any opening?			
Are the guardrails and the handrails designed to resist a load of 50 pounds per linear foot (pound per foot) and a single concentrated load of 200 pounds, applied in any direction at any direction along the top? (May need the services of an engineer or architect to determine)			
Where an opening between the seatboard and footboard is located more than 30 inches above the floor or ground below, is the opening closed with construction such that a 4-inch-diameter sphere cannot pass through? (Exception: Where the uppermost seat is located less than or equal to 55 inches above the floor or ground below.)			
If chain link fencing is used on guardrails is the mesh size 1.25 inch square or less?			

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STRUCTURAL- SPECIFIC			
Are the welds intact- no cracks?			
Are there any damaged, loose, or missing cross braces?			
Are all seat and foot boards present and securely fastened?			
Are all nuts and bolts present and tight?			
Are any seat or floor boards abnormally bowed?			
Are seat or floor boards splintered, cracked, or insect-infested?			
Are the ends of protruding bolts and tubing capped?			
For indoor telescoping bleachers			
Do motorized units run smoothly without bind or stress?			
Are the wheels split, cracked or show any other damage?			
When the seating is in the "stacked" or "closed" position, is there uneven spacing between rows?			
Are the wall ties securely attached to both the wall and the unit?			
For floor attached units, are the floor anchors tight?			
Is the slide stop on the footboard support arm functional? A broken stop will result in the unit extending beyond the normal open position.			
Are there any bent or missing rowlocks? They should engage and move freely.			
Are the power operation drums secure?			
Are the push-pull pads in place?			
Are all chains aligned and under proper tension?			
Are the moving parts lubricated on a regular basis?			
Are rail sockets securely attached?			
Is wiring in good condition?			
OTHER			
Is only trained school staff allowed to operate bleachers?			
Are staff, students and visitors prohibited from climbing on retracted bleachers?			
Is a "Do Not Climb" warning sign affixed and visible?			
Is all tiered seating inspected at least once a year by a qualified person to evaluate compliance with the manufacturer's installation and operational instructions?			
Are bleachers inspected for damage by school staff at least twice a year?			
Are inspections documented in writing and the records kept on file?			
Are aisles clearly marked, accessible and have non-skid surfaces?			