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	STANDARD: **ICC 300 (Standard for Bleachers, Folding and Telescopic Seating) & OSHA 29 CFR 1910.303**	AUDIT FREQUENCY: **Semi-Annual & Pre-Event Inspection**

School Athletic Field Bleacher Safety Audit Compliance Checklist

Operational Scope: This audit protocol establishes mandatory safety evaluation criteria for outdoor school athletic field bleachers to mitigate catastrophic structural collapse and fall hazards. It ensures complete regulatory compliance with ICC 300 and OSHA general industry standards prior to public occupancy.

MANDATORY PPE:	Hard Hat (ANSI Z89.1), Steel-Toe Boots (ASTM F2413), High-Visibility Safety Vest, Safety Glasses with Side Shields (ANSI Z87.1), Fall Protection Harness and Lanyard (if working above 6 feet)
PREREQUISITES:	Verify that the bleacher structure is entirely vacant and cordoned off from students and faculty. | Review previous maintenance logs and incident reports for chronic defect areas. | Ensure all necessary testing tools, torque wrenches, and digital angle finders are calibrated.

STRUCTURAL INTEGRITY AND FOUNDATION

#	COMPONENT / ITEM	VERIFICATION CRITERIA & ACCEPTANCE STANDARD	SEVERITY	STATUS
1	**Foundation Piers and Anchoring**	Concrete pads and ground anchors show no cracking, shifting, or corrosion. Hold-down bolts are fully tightened and torqued to manufacturer specifications.	**Critical (Immediate Out of Service)**	[ ] PASS [ ] FAIL [ ] N/A
2	**Understructure Framework**	All steel or aluminum stringers, cross-bracing, and vertical posts are free of bending, rust-through, structural cracking, or loose fasteners.	**Critical (Immediate Out of Service)**	[ ] PASS [ ] FAIL [ ] N/A
3	**Welded Joints and Connections**	Factory and field welds show no signs of fatigue cracking, separation, or structural degradation.	**Critical (Immediate Out of Service)**	[ ] PASS [ ] FAIL [ ] N/A

WALKING SURFACES, DECKING, AND GUARDRAILS

#	COMPONENT / ITEM	VERIFICATION CRITERIA & ACCEPTANCE STANDARD	SEVERITY	STATUS
4	**Footboards and Seatboards**	Boards are securely fastened, free of splintering wood, cracked aluminum, warping, or excessive deflection under load. No tripping hazards present.	**Warning**	[ ] PASS [ ] FAIL [ ] N/A
5	**Guardrail Systems and Height**	Guardrails are in place along open sides and backs where seating exceeds 30 inches above grade. Top rails are at least 42 inches above the leading edge of the footboard.	**Critical (Immediate Out of Service)**	[ ] PASS [ ] FAIL [ ] N/A
6	**Intermediate Rails and Spacing**	Vertical or horizontal intermediate rails prevent the passage of a 4-inch sphere in compliance with safety codes.	**Critical (Immediate Out of Service)**	[ ] PASS [ ] FAIL [ ] N/A
7	**Aisle Steps and Handrails**	Aisles are clearly marked with contrasting paint or nosing. Handrails are structurally sound, continuous, and mounted securely at heights between 34 and 38 inches.	**Warning**	[ ] PASS [ ] FAIL [ ] N/A

OPERATIONAL SAFETY AND CLEARANCES

#	COMPONENT / ITEM	VERIFICATION CRITERIA & ACCEPTANCE STANDARD	SEVERITY	STATUS
8	**Openings and Gap Compliance**	Vertical gaps between the seatboard and footboard, or backrests, do not permit the passage of a 9-inch sphere where applicable.	**Warning**	[ ] PASS [ ] FAIL [ ] N/A
9	**Egress and Walkway Clearances**	Exits, portals, and walkways under and around the bleachers are completely free of trash, storage, and vegetation obstructions.	**Standard**	[ ] PASS [ ] FAIL [ ] N/A
10	**Signage and Capacity Warnings**	Required safety notices, emergency evacuation directions, and maximum load capacity signs are visibly posted and legible.	**Standard**	[ ] PASS [ ] FAIL [ ] N/A

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