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	STANDARD: **ICC 300 (Standard for Bleachers, Folding and Telescopic Seating) & OSHA 29 CFR 1910.28**	AUDIT FREQUENCY: **Semi-Annual / Monthly Visual Check**

School Athletic Field Bleacher Safety Audit Inspection Checklist

Operational Scope: This inspection checklist mandates the systematic evaluation of structural integrity, fall protection, and mechanical components across all outdoor educational athletic field bleachers. The objective is to mitigate structural failure risks and student fall hazards to ensure full compliance with public safety codes.

MANDATORY PPE:	Hard Hat (ANSI Z89.1), Steel-Toe Boots (ASTM F2413), High-Visibility Vest (ANSI/ISEA 107), Safety Glasses (ANSI Z87.1), Cut-Resistant Work Gloves
PREREQUISITES:	Verify bleacher system is completely cleared of students, athletes, and spectators. | Secure perimeter hazard tape and warning signage around the base of the bleacher system. | Ensure access ladders and temporary scaffolding are secured and inspected prior to elevated access.

STRUCTURAL FRAMEWORK & FOUNDATION INTEGRITY

#	COMPONENT / ITEM	VERIFICATION CRITERIA & ACCEPTANCE STANDARD	SEVERITY	STATUS
1	**Foundation Piers and Base Plates**	Concrete footings show no signs of major cracking, shifting, or settling. Base plates are firmly anchored with no missing anchor bolts.	**Critical (Immediate Out of Service)**	[ ] PASS [ ] FAIL [ ] N/A
2	**Understructure Bracing (Cross-Braces & Stringers)**	All diagonal and horizontal cross-braces are tight, free of corrosion, bending, or structural deformation.	**Critical (Immediate Out of Service)**	[ ] PASS [ ] FAIL [ ] N/A
3	**Welded and Bolted Connections**	All structural connection points are secure; no loose bolts, missing nuts, cracked welds, or excessive rust accumulation.	**Warning**	[ ] PASS [ ] FAIL [ ] N/A

WALKING SURFACES, SEATING, AND FALL PROTECTION

#	COMPONENT / ITEM	VERIFICATION CRITERIA & ACCEPTANCE STANDARD	SEVERITY	STATUS
4	**Guardrails and End Rails**	Guardrails are securely mounted at required heights (minimum 42 inches above seating/walkways) with no loose sections or compromised top/mid-rails.	**Critical (Immediate Out of Service)**	[ ] PASS [ ] FAIL [ ] N/A
5	**Vertical Spacing / Opening Limitations**	Intermediate vertical balusters or guards prevent a 4-inch sphere from passing through any opening in the guardrail system.	**Warning**	[ ] PASS [ ] FAIL [ ] N/A
6	**Footboards and Decking Planks**	Footboards are level, slip-resistant, firmly secured, and free from warping, cracks, excessive deflection, or tripping hazards.	**Critical (Immediate Out of Service)**	[ ] PASS [ ] FAIL [ ] N/A
7	**Seat Planks and End Caps**	Aluminum or wooden seat planks are securely fastened, with all safety end caps in place to eliminate sharp edges and snag points.	**Standard**	[ ] PASS [ ] FAIL [ ] N/A

ACCESS, EGRESS, AND OPERATIONAL SAFETY

#	COMPONENT / ITEM	VERIFICATION CRITERIA & ACCEPTANCE STANDARD	SEVERITY	STATUS
8	**Aisles and Intermediate Stairs**	Aisles are clearly marked, illuminated (if night lighting is equipped), free of obstructions, and feature secure anti-slip nosings on all steps.	**Critical (Immediate Out of Service)**	[ ] PASS [ ] FAIL [ ] N/A
9	**Aisle Handrails**	Center aisle handrails (where required by span width) are rigidly mounted, continuous, and securely anchored without wobble.	**Warning**	[ ] PASS [ ] FAIL [ ] N/A
10	**Signage and Load Capacity Placards**	Emergency egress notices, safety warnings, and maximum occupancy/load capacity placards are clearly visible and legible.	**Standard**	[ ] PASS [ ] FAIL [ ] N/A

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