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

School Athletic Field Bleacher Safety Audit Safety Audit Checklist

Operational Scope: This audit establishes mandatory inspection protocols for all indoor and outdoor school athletic bleachers to identify structural fatigue, missing safety guards, and fall hazards. The objective is to ensure total compliance with life safety codes and protect students, staff, and spectators from structural failure.

MANDATORY PPE:	Hard Hat (ANSI Z89.1), Steel-Toe Boots (ASTM F2413), High-Visibility Safety Vest, Safety Glasses with Side Shields (ANSI Z87.1), Cut-Resistant Mechanics Gloves
PREREQUISITES:	Review previous semi-annual bleacher maintenance and repair logs. | Secure the entire perimeter of the bleacher system with warning tape and signage to restrict public access. | Ensure proper portable lighting and testing equipment (tape measure, torque wrench) are calibrated and on-site.

STRUCTURAL INTEGRITY AND FOUNDATION

#	COMPONENT / ITEM	VERIFICATION CRITERIA & ACCEPTANCE STANDARD	SEVERITY	STATUS
1	**Anchorage and Ground Foundations**	Concrete pads, base plates, and ground anchors show no cracking, shifting, or loose anchor bolts.	**Critical (Immediate Out of Service)**	**[ ] PASS [ ] FAIL [ ] N/A**
2	**Understructure and Cross-Bracing**	All diagonal braces, vertical columns, and stringers are securely bolted with zero signs of buckling, severe rust, or structural deformation.	**Critical (Immediate Out of Service)**	**[ ] PASS [ ] FAIL [ ] N/A**
3	**Welded Joints and Fasteners**	All structural welds are intact without cracking; no bolts, nuts, or pins are missing, sheared, or excessively loose.	**Critical (Immediate Out of Service)**	**[ ] PASS [ ] FAIL [ ] N/A**

WALKWAYS, DECKING, AND GUARDRAILS

#	COMPONENT / ITEM	VERIFICATION CRITERIA & ACCEPTANCE STANDARD	SEVERITY	STATUS
4	**Footboards and Seat Planks**	Planks are firmly secured, free of sharp burrs, deep dents, splintered wood, or slip hazards, with no excessive vertical deflection when loaded.	**Warning**	**[ ] PASS [ ] FAIL [ ] N/A**
5	**Guardrail Heights and Mid-Rails**	Outer guardrails measure at least 42 inches above the adjacent seating surface or footboard, with all vertical intermediate pickets spaced securely.	**Critical (Immediate Out of Service)**	**[ ] PASS [ ] FAIL [ ] N/A**
6	**Opening Limitations (4-Inch Sphere Rule)**	All gaps between guardrails, vertical pickets, and understructure prevent the passage of a 4-inch diameter sphere in compliance with safety standards.	**Critical (Immediate Out of Service)**	**[ ] PASS [ ] FAIL [ ] N/A**
7	**Aisles and Handrails**	Aisles are clearly marked, free of debris, and equipped with continuous center handrails where required by occupant load capacity.	**Warning**	**[ ] PASS [ ] FAIL [ ] N/A**

OPERATIONAL MECHANISMS AND SAFETY SIGNAGE

#	COMPONENT / ITEM	VERIFICATION CRITERIA & ACCEPTANCE STANDARD	SEVERITY	STATUS
8	**Telescopic/Folding Mechanism (If Applicable)**	Retractable bleachers extend and lock smoothly without binding, motor strain, unusual grinding noises, or electrical wiring damage.	**Warning**	**[ ] PASS [ ] FAIL [ ] N/A**
9	**Safety Signage and Capacity Warnings**	Visible warning plaques detailing maximum load capacity, climbing prohibitions, and safe operation notices are permanently affixed and legible.	**Standard**	**[ ] PASS [ ] FAIL [ ] N/A**
10	**End-Cap and Close-Off Protections**	All exposed metal ends, sharp edges, and pinch points are covered with protective end-caps or guards to prevent lacerations and clothing snags.	**Standard**	**[ ] PASS [ ] FAIL [ ] N/A**

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