

CHAPTER 1

APPLICATION AND ADMINISTRATION

SECTION 101 GENERAL

101.1 Purpose. The purpose of this standard is to establish the minimum requirements to safeguard public health, safety and general welfare through structural strength, means of egress facilities, stability, and safety to life and property relative to the construction, alteration, repair, operation and maintenance of new and existing temporary and permanent bench bleachers, folding and telescopic seating, and grandstands. This standard is intended for adoption by government agencies and organizations setting model codes to achieve uniformity in technical design criteria in building codes and other regulations.

SECTION 102 APPLICABILITY

102.1 Applicability. The construction of new temporary and permanent bleachers, folding and telescopic seating, and grandstands shall comply with Chapters 1 through 4. Existing temporary and permanent installations shall comply with Chapters 1, 2 and 5. Temporary installations are those that are erected for a period of less than 180 days in a calendar year.

SECTION 103 COMPLIANCE ALTERNATIVES

103.1 Compliance alternatives. Nothing in this standard is intended to prevent the use of designs, products or technologies as alternatives to those prescribed by this standard, where equivalence is provided, and such equivalence is approved by the administrative authority adopting this standard.

SECTION 104 CONVENTIONS

104.1 Dimensions. Dimensions that are not stated as “maximum” or “minimum” are absolute. All dimensions are subject to conventional industry tolerances.

SECTION 105 INSPECTION

105.1 Required installation and construction inspection. After construction or installation, an inspection shall be performed to evaluate compliance with this standard.

105.2 Yearly inspection required. The owner shall cause all bleachers, folding and telescopic seating, and grandstands to be inspected at least once a year in order to verify that the structure is maintained in compliance with the provisions of this standard. All folding and telescopic seating shall also be inspected to evaluate compliance with the manufacturer’s instal-

lation and operational instructions, including an inspection during the opening and closing of such seating.

Exception: Existing installations shall be inspected in accordance with the provisions of Chapter 5.

