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Question:

Is it the intent of code to include the area of a basketball court within the total seating capacity of the space when the area is to be exclusively used for basketball and fixed seating bleachers are provided?

Answer

Yes.

Commentary:

Even though the building is proposed to be used for basketball, over time it could be used for other functions. Occupant load calculations should include the bleachers seats plus the floor area with the bleachers in the open position at 7 sq. ft. per occupant, or the floor area with the bleachers in the closed position at 7 square feet per occupant. The larger of the two calculations determines the occupant load.

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