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Question:

Is it the intent of the code to classify a membership fitness club with over 50 occupants that offers equipment, yoga studio, personal training, group fitness classes, stationary bike studio, and associated locker rooms but without a basketball court as an A-3 gymnasium?

Answer

The statement that the occupant load is more than 50 occupants makes this an Assembly Occupancy. However, the requester does not state how the occupant load was determined. Table 1004.5 establishes an occupant load factor of 50 gross for exercise rooms. If the occupant load exceeds 50 using the occupant load factor of 50, it will be classified as an assembly. As a word of caution, the FFPC establishes an occupant load factor of 50 for exercise rooms with equipment and 15 for exercise rooms without equipment.

Commentary:

None.

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