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Preface

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1.0 Introduction and Scope

1.1 Introduction

Over the years, there have been increases in the demand for both indoor and outdoor sports facilities. To meet the increase in demand, lighting is a cost-effective way to extend hours of play during hours of darkness. Lighting is also required for indoor sporting facilities during the day. With increasing power and operational costs, energy efficiency should be a key consideration when designing a lighting system.

There are some sports activities that are purely social or recreational and may not require even the minimum Class IV light levels recommended in this document. The facility's owner can use discretion to provide adequate lighting for safe and effective participation in those activities.

1.2 Scope

The purpose of this Recommended Practice is to provide the reader with recommendations to aid in the design of sports lighting systems. Popular sports such as baseball, tennis, basketball and football, as well as recreational social activities such as horseshoe pitching and croquet are covered. Venues for spectators of amateur, collegiate, and professional sports are complex facilities that should provide not only for the spectators but also the equipment used in modern sports broadcasting.