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NOTES: Blue highlighted cell indicates BGCA Membership Requirements.  icon indicates new or revised standard for 2024. For 2024, the same standards will be used for the external safety assessment and the annual online safety self-assessment.

Assessment ID	Assessment Standard
Staff Practices (SVP) (Met/Not Met) – Revised Section 	
SVP-200a	Club staff has an effective process to monitor and track everyone who is in the facility.
SVP-201a	Club staff understand their role and follow requirements for reporting safety-related incidents and suspected child abuse.
SVP-203a	BGCA poster that shares ethics hotline, crisis text line, and safety helpline information for members, staff, volunteers, and families is visible in Club location.
SVP-204a	Club staff and volunteers report they are trained on the written emergency operations plan.
SVP-205a	All staff, volunteers and visitors are easily identifiable during operations.
SVP-206a 	Transitions between activities and program areas or spaces are structured with adherence to safety.
SVP-207a 	Club staff and volunteers maintain appropriate physical/verbal interactions with youth.

SVP-208a 	Club staff are actively monitoring and supervising youth.
SVP-209a 	No one-on-one interaction (private contact) between youth and staff or adult volunteers, including board members.
SVP-210a 	“Red flag” safety concerns are reported to Club leaders.
SVP-211a 	Required safety practices are followed when using technology.
SVP-212a 	Club members complete a BGCA-provided digital citizenship and technology safety training annually.
SVP-213a	Rules and/or Group Agreements are posted in program spaces and reviewed with members on a regular basis.
Security (SEC) (Met/Not Met) – Revised Section 	
SEC-201a	Effective measures are in place to control, monitor and prevent unauthorized site entrance.
SEC-203a	Exterior doors are monitored and/or alarmed to alert staff of unauthorized entry or exit.
SEC-203a 	Exterior doors can be easily closed and locked to prevent unauthorized access.
SEC-210a	Video surveillance system is operational and positioned appropriately.
SEC-211a	Visitor access to outdoor areas where youth programming occurs is secured.
SEC-213a	Parking lots, sidewalks, and building perimeter are in good condition and well lit.
Facility Safety (FS) (Met/Not Met) – New Section 	
FS-201a 	Electrical panels, outlets, and switches are properly maintained and free from damage.

FS-202a 	Extension/flexible cords and power strips used appropriately and in good condition.
FS-203a 	Floors are even, secure, and free from slip/trip hazards.
FS-204a 	Program equipment and youth belongings are stored securely and safely.
FS-205a 	Stationary storage racks and bookshelves are secured to the floor or wall and do not exceed shelving weight limits. Portable wire racks are used with lockable caster wheels.
FS-206a	Sharp objects are stored out of reach of children and secured to decrease risk of injury.
FS-207a 	Chemicals are stored, labeled, and segregated from other materials and supplies.
FS-208a 	The Club appears clean, sanitary and orderly.
FS-209a 	Debris and waste are stored properly and properly removed from the Club.
FS-210a 	Adequate ventilation and lighting are maintained during operating hours and whenever Club staff are present.
FS-211a 	Drinking water is available and easily accessible to all youth during programming and outdoor activities.
Restrooms and Locker Rooms (R) (Met/Not Met)	
R-201a	Adults-only and youth-only restrooms are clearly identifiable, or procedures are in place to prevent shared-use by adults and youth.
R-202a	Club staff have effective restroom/locker room safety procedures.
R-203a	Club staff monitor youth restrooms during operations via line of sight and/or sound from the restroom doorway or hallway.

R-205a	Restrooms are single user or if multi-user, include single stalls with lockable doors. Staff restrooms are locked and only accessible by staff.
R-206a	Toilet paper, soap and paper towels or hand dryers are available in all restrooms and/or locker rooms.
R-207a	Club staff regularly monitor youth locker rooms during Club operations and are locked when not in use.
Emergency and Evacuation (EMG) (Met/Not Met)	
EMG-201a	Evacuation and emergency procedures with emergency evacuation route maps are posted in plain view in all program spaces and common areas.
EMG-202a	Portable fire extinguishers are fully charged, mounted in readily accessible locations, and regularly inspected.
EMG-203a	At least one complete first-aid kit is accessible to all program spaces.
EMG-204a	There is a communication system to alert all staff, volunteers and members in case of an emergency or drill (e.g. fire, severe weather, lock-down, etc.).
EMG-205a	Emergency drills are conducted on a quarterly basis with Club staff and documented.
EMG-207a	At least one staff member or volunteer is present during operating hours with valid certification or fully trained to perform adult and infant/child CPR and first-aid.
EMG-208a	Automated External Defibrillator(s) (AED) and supplies are routinely inspected and maintained in proper working order. Club staff are trained on its use.
EMG-209a 	Means of egress to exits and exit doors are not locked, blocked, or otherwise obstructed.
EMG-2010a 	Exit signs and emergency lighting are functional and in good condition.
Sports and Outdoor Recreation (if applicable) (GY) (Met/Not Met/Not Applicable) – Revised Section 	
GY-201a	Gym walls under basketball goals have 2 inches of padding installed or 10 feet of floor clearance around the perimeter to prevent injuries.
GY-205a 	Club staff has an effective annual inspection and preventive maintenance program to check the operational safety and condition of gym/sports equipment.

GY-206a 	Outdoor fields, courts, picnic tables and play areas are maintained and inspected by Club staff prior to daily use.
GY-207a	Playgrounds and playground structures are observed in good condition and routinely maintained, with 8-12 inches of landscape or rubber mulch to prevent injuries.
Food Preparation (if applicable) (FP) (Met/Not Met/Not Applicable)	
FP-201a	Kitchen and/or food prep areas appear to be in good condition and locked when not in use.
FP-202a	A valid permit from the county/local health department is posted and visible where food is prepared and/or served.
Aquatic Safety (if applicable) (SP) (Met/Not Met/Not Applicable) – Revised Section 	
SP-206a 	A documented Aquatic Safety Plan is followed.
SP-207a 	Swim areas are staffed by rescue-ready lifeguards and water watchers.
SP-211a 	A swim assessment program identifies swimmers by swim ability.
SP-212a 	A safety line is in place separating the deep and shallow portions of the pool.
SP-213a 	Aquatic emergency response drills are conducted on a quarterly basis.
Transportation (if applicable) (TR) (Met/Not Met/Not Applicable)	
TR-201a	Vehicles are maintained in a safe operating condition with required safety equipment onboard.
TR-202a 	Drivers are qualified to operate assigned vehicles and can demonstrate proficiency with respect to pre-trip safety inspections and defensive driving techniques.
TR-203a	Drivers follow child safety transportation practices, always including supervision during transit and accounting for each member's whereabouts.

BGCA Membership Requirement 1.9: External organizational and site safety assessment (Effective January 1, 2024)

Each organization will undergo an annual organizational and site safety assessment, conducted by BGCA or its designee, with each Club site being assessed every 24 months against a defined set of child and Club safety standards. This requirement will be reviewed in 2027 by a national committee, appointed by the president & CEO of Boys & Girls Clubs of America. Recommendations for revisions will be made to the National Area Council Committee and the Chair of the National Council for their review and any proposed changes will be presented to the National Council for consideration in 2028. This taskforce will be composed of local Club professionals, the Membership Governance & Compliance Advisory Committee, board members and external safety experts and supported by BGCA staff.
