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No matter what sport you play, standards are responsible for setting down effective safety and performance requirements for courts, fields, pools, bats, balls, benches, and nearly all the other equipment you rely on.

These are just a few of the products and systems that rely on standards to keep you safe and happy on the court, field, or wherever you play!

How are standards part of the team?

Standards define the required size and functioning of all kinds of sports gear, and set down product requirements that have been established and tested for effective safety protection. And companies use standards for expert guidance to efficiently develop and manufacture products that will work for consumers – and athletes like you.

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