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## PRACTICAL DESIGN GUIDELINES FOR THE LIGHTING OF SPORTS EVENTS FOR COLOUR TELEVISION AND FILMING

### SUMMARY

This technical report gives practical guidance to those concerned with the designing and planning of sports facilities where lighting is required to meet the needs of colour television and filming.

The report should be read in conjunction with CIE 83-1989, which defines the quantitative lighting requirements. This report is arranged in three main sections:

Firstly, there is general guidance on sports lighting design including luminaires and lamp types, calculation methods, and electrical installation.

The second section lists 51 sports with specific advice on the lighting of each.

The third section gives references to relevant standards and in particular publications in which new sports lighting installations may be described.

## RECOMMANDATIONS PRATIQUES POUR LES PROJETS D'ECLAIRAGE DES MANIFESTATIONS SPORTIVES POUR LA TELEVISION COULEUR ET LES FILMS

### RESUME

Ce rapport technique donne des conseils pratiques aux acteurs concernés par les projets et la mise en oeuvre des installations sportives où l'éclairage est censé respecter les besoins de la télévision couleur et des prises de vue pour les films.

Ce rapport doit être consulté en parallèle avec la publication CIE 83-1989 qui définit quantitativement les exigences d'éclairage. Ce rapport est composé de trois parties principales:

Premièrement, il s'agit d'un guide général sur les projets d'éclairage des installations sportives traitant des types de luminaires et de lampes, des méthodes de calcul et de l'installation électrique.

La deuxième partie comporte une liste de 51 sports avec les conseils d'éclairage spécifiques pour chacun d'eux.

La troisième partie donne les références des normes appropriées et en particulier des publications dans lesquelles de nouvelles installations d'éclairage sportif peuvent être décrites.

## RICHTLINIEN ZUR ENTWURFSPRAXIS VON FARBFERNSEH- UND FILMGERECHTER BELEUCHTUNG VON SPORTVERANSTALTUNGEN

### ZUSAMMENFASSUNG

Dieser Technische Bericht bietet praktische Hinweise für den Entwurf und die Ausführung von Sportanlagen, deren Beleuchtung den Anforderungen für Farbfernseh- und Filmaufnahmen gerecht werden soll.

Der Bericht ist zusammen mit der Publikation CIE 83-1989 zu lesen, in der die lichttechnischen Anforderungen quantitativ beschrieben sind. Der Bericht ist in drei Hauptabschnitte gegliedert:

Im ersten finden sich generelle Hinweise zur Planung von Sportstättenbeleuchtungen, zur Auswahl von Lampen und Leuchten, sowie zu Berechnungsmethoden und zur elektrischen Installation.

Im zweiten Abschnitt sind 51 Sportarten mit jeweils spezifischen Empfehlungen zur Beleuchtung aufgelistet.

Im dritten Abschnitt werden Verweise auf einschlägige Normen gegeben und im besonderen wird auf Veröffentlichungen hingewiesen, in denen Beschreibungen neuer Sportstätten-Beleuchtungsanlagen gefunden werden können.

## PART A: INTRODUCTION AND GENERAL ASPECTS

### 1. INTRODUCTION

This guide gives practical advice to architects, consultants, and lighting designers on the realisation of good quality installations for sports lighting for colour television and filming. The basic recommendations are laid down in CIE 83-1989. However, broadcasting unions have often extended the standards and, moreover, the television directors have developed over time specific methods of covering games in relation to the particular type of sport. The ongoing development in camera quality has exploited both with respect to use and portability of (auxiliary) cameras.

The practical guidance in this report reflects the state of the art of modern sports lighting design world-wide. The report is divided into a general section with guidelines on design, maintenance and hardware (lamps, luminaires, and systems) valid for many different types of sport and a section that specifically covers all individual sports listed in CIE 83-1989. For each of the sports, a separate paragraph is devoted to giving the typical lay-out of the playing area, the preferred location of the lighting, the most important camera locations, and the points for special attention to avoid pitfalls in the lighting design for that particular sport.

It should be noted that many suppliers of lamps and luminaires regularly publish details of new installations and various sports federations, both national and international, published guidelines, including lighting for their specific field of interest. It is recommended that advice should be sought of specialists in designing sports lighting installations suitable for CTV (colour television) coverage, especially for large international tournaments and games. Also, under each sport, the address of the particular International Sports Federation is given. Many of these federations have extensive information available on details of their specific requirements, many of which are relevant to the lighting design.

### 2. GENERAL DESIGN CONSIDERATIONS

In CIE 83-1989, the various lighting parameters and, as far as possible, the quantitative values for each of the parameters are given. Sports are divided into three categories, determined mainly on the basis of the speed of action occurring during camera shots and maximum shooting distance. The illuminance values are service values, in that report. Since they were published, the concept of maintained illuminance has been introduced, whereby the quoted values should be the lowest that will occur during the life of the installation. So the minimum requirement is the maintained illuminance averaged over the calculated grid points. Consequently, to adjust the illuminance values in CIE 83-1989 to those for maintained illuminance, the CIE 83-1989 values should be multiplied by 0,8. This is in line with what has been done in the CEN (European) draft standard. The modified table for vertical illuminance in CIE 83-1989 is shown in Section 9, Table 1 of this report. The graph in Fig. 1 illustrates the expected reduction of the initial performance related to lamp lumen depreciation and luminaire cleaning as detailed in CIE 154:2003 "The maintenance of outdoor lighting systems".

Typical maintenance factors are (for the same lamp/luminaire combination):

$$E_{\text{service}} = 0,8 \cdot E_{\text{initial}}$$

$$E_{\text{maintained}} = 0,8 \cdot E_{\text{service}} = 0,64 \cdot E_{\text{initial}}$$

Maintenance is required at the time the illuminance value falls below the specified maintained illuminance as given in Section 9 of Part A, Table 1.

The value of such maintenance programme is indicated as an example in Fig. 1. Clearly the depreciation in the un-maintained scheme will fall by around 65% of the initial value within 3 years, and it will continue to decline. By comprehensive cleaning, the decline is checked at under 40% depreciation.

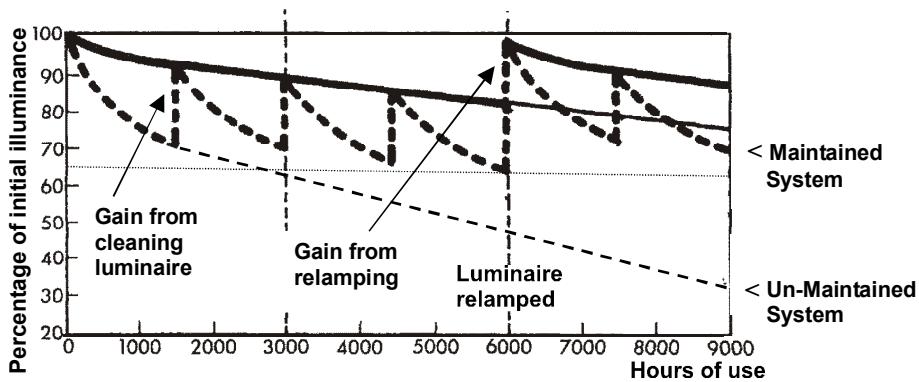


Fig. 1. The effect of maintenance program.

It is evident that the concept of minimum requirement for the maintained illuminance offers options for lower initial illuminance values for high quality lamp/luminaire combinations (see Section 4 of Part A).

A maintenance factor should be included to compensate for ageing and soiling of the lamps, reflectors, and front glasses. This factor is dependent on the type of lamp (see manufacturers' data), the local conditions (to be specified on the basis of local experience) and the luminaire type (e.g. IP classification). In the absence of relevant information, CIE 83-1989 recommends a maintenance factor of 0,8. In designing a CTV lighting installation, the lighting criteria for other users (i.e. players and spectators) besides the CTV viewers should be given full consideration. The players and referee(s) must be able to see clearly all that is going on in the playing area, so that they can achieve their best possible performance. Spectators have to be able to follow the players and developments of the game in an agreeable environment, and in a comfortable way. This means that they must be able to see their surroundings and immediate neighbours as well. The lighting should also support safe entry to and departure from the sports venue. Especially with large crowds, the security aspect is of utmost importance. With respect to comfort and performance for both players and spectators, glare should be kept to a minimum.

The lighting criteria for players and spectators might conflict with the CTV requirements and could limit the number of camera locations or the area covered for a particular camera, for example. This is especially so in those cases where luminaires and floodlights cannot be installed in the preferred positions due to physical limitations of the sports facility. In this respect, it is of primary importance that architects and lighting specialists work closely together straight from the conceptual design phase until final completion of the new sports venue. In many cases, the ultimate lighting quality can benefit greatly from an integrated approach. Such co-operation is even more important in the case of integration of the lighting installation in the building construction, whether it be indoor (e.g. ceiling system) or outdoor (e.g. in the roof of a stadium). Unacceptable glare, direct or indirect (e.g. in swimming pools), can largely be avoided if in the conceptual architectural design phase the lighting requirements are taken into account.

Daylight effects can have a negative influence on the overall lighting quality, both in indoor and outdoor venues.

Indoors, the penetration of daylight, both sunlight and sky brightness, should be avoided as they will give unacceptably high brightness and shadows. This is especially true in the case of glossy floors, and water surfaces in sports halls, and swimming complexes. Properly designed sun blinds, preferably only partly translucent, can avoid these effects.

In outdoor venues, direct sunlight can cause harsh shadows resulting in unacceptable contrasts for the television cameras when shifting from the bright illuminated area to the shadowed area of a playing field. Where certain parts of a grass playing field area are always in shadow, uniformity problems under artificial lighting might occur because of the darker colour of the grass in the shadowed part.