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## **Initiatives for sports people**

### **New guidelines for sports halls**

The new guidelines in the Netherlands for RT and BNL in multidisciplinary sports facilities support principals in making the right demands, demands which guarantee the quality of the sporting and working environment.

### **Complaints teacher physical exercise**

Physical exercise teachers complain about bad acoustics in sports halls. High sound levels lead to hearing damages and a higher risk on voice problems. The Royal Society of Physical Exercise Teachers in the Netherlands (KVLO) made an inventory of the problems faced by her members. The outcome emphasise the need for good acoustical working conditions for the teachers.

### **Norm commission**

ISA Sport, a subsidiary of the Dutch Olympic Committee, took the initiative to establish the norm commission called “covered multidisciplinary sports accommodations” addressing a wide range of issues useful when planning sports facilities. The aim of the commission is to formalise norms for all parts of a covered sports accommodation which is used for all kind of sports (including sports education). One of the parts is acoustics.

### **Categories**

In the new guideline sports accommodations are classified into categories. The classification starts with a gymnasium  $\leq 1700 \text{ m}^3$  to a sports accommodation of  $\geq 29.001 \text{ m}^3$ . There are in total 12 different categories. Per category a maximum average RT is specified. Besides that the maximum allowed difference per frequency band in comparison with the average is specified. There is also a maximum value for the BNL. This is the sound level measured in a competition room without activities.

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