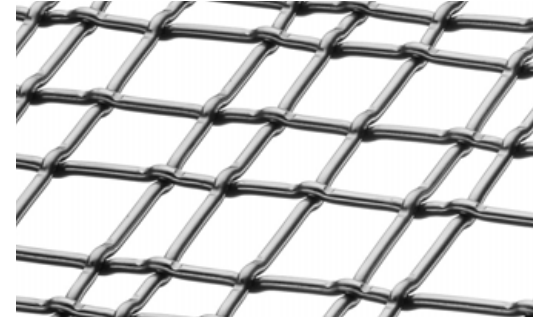




WOODSON YMCA

Railing Infill
Wausau, Wisconsin USA

SJD-2



Seeking to create a modern and cohesive health and wellness space for the local Wausau community, the Woodson YMCA tapped Ghidorzi Design | Build | Develop to transform their 140,000 square foot downtown location into a more vibrant facility. Utilized to create an interior railing system across multiple applications within the facility, Banker Wire's SJD-2 in stainless steel was key in maximizing natural light while simultaneously providing important safety boundaries within the space.



To create the railing panel of the upper-level track, which spans the circumference of the basketball court, the design team required a material that would diffuse, but not impede the abundance of natural light to the basketball court below. Specified for its irregular, complex weave pattern and high percentage open area, SJD-2—framed within U-edge panels—was chosen for its functional and aesthetic value. Serving as both an eye-catching architectural detail and an important safety railing, the wire mesh railing in the stainless steel finish complements the nearby matte black steel, wood hand-railing finishes, and pops of floor color also within the space.

"By utilizing SJD-2, the amount of natural light on the basketball courts was reduced by thirty percent, which eliminated the risk of contrast behind the backboards," says Mike Theiss, Architect and Project Manager, Ghidorzi. "The random weave pattern inside each panel helps reduce this contrast while still maintaining a feeling of openness, whether you are running on the track or playing basketball on the courts. The railing is functional, but also a focal point that creates visual interest."

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