



MEETING LOG

SUBJECT: ASTM F15.29 F1487 Playground Equipment for Public Use - Play Mound Task Group Meeting

FY 25 OP PLAN ENTRY: Playground Equipment (Public)

DATE OF MEETING: 12/18/2024

LOCATION OF MEETING: Teleconference

CPSC STAFF FILING MEETING LOG: Andy Newens (ESMC)

FILING DATE: 01/10/2025

CPSC ATTENDEE(S): Andy Newens (ESMC)

NON-CPSC ATTENDEE(S): Contact ASTM for the full attendee list

Summary of Meeting:

The task group (TG) met to continue developing performance requirements for play mounds (document WK84464). By “play mound,” members mean surfacing features that have been introduced to add play value such as embankments, mounds, and bumps. The proposed new language under ASTM F1487-21, *Standard Consumer Safety Performance Specification for Playground Equipment for Public Use*, was balloted in April 2024 (F15 (24-06) Item 007). Over the following months, CPSC staff has been participating with TG members in reviewing and addressing ballot negatives. The TG leader shared a document on SharePoint containing a table of negative comments from the April ballot with a space for the TG members to propose alternative language or other responses to the negatives.

TG members discussed how play embankments would work together with other equipment use zones and clearance zones. For example, the meeting focused on one of the balloted new sections to be added to F1487 Section 9, *Playground Layout*. The proposed new section is:

9.10.2.4: The use zone of rotating equipment and slide exit clearance zones shall not be on a play embankment. [Rationale: there is a collision hazard if the user’s momentum were to carry them down the slope into a piece of motion equipment’s use zone.]

The ballot had received some negative comments on this proposed new section. Suggested language from TG members included a less prescriptive approach that would allow a designer to use professional judgment based on a risk assessment of the hazards.

The meeting also included a review of other negative ballot comments. The ballot comments addressed to date have involved clarification of language used in the ballot rather than any major objections to the addition of play mound requirements in F1487-21. The TG leader encouraged all participants to try to apply these proposed new requirements to an existing playground to see if any are unreasonable.

Next Steps:

The TG leader suggested that group members continue to add their recommendations for the proposed new language in the SharePoint document. The next TG meeting is scheduled for February 19, 2025.