

## **MEETING LOG**

SUBJECT: ASTM F08.63 Artificial Turf for Playground Surfacing Task Group

FY 26 OP PLAN ENTRY: Playground Surfacing

**DATE OF MEETING:** 12/09/2025 **LOCATION OF MEETING:** Virtual

**CPSC STAFF FILING MEETING LOG:** Andy Newens (ESMC)

**FILING DATE:** 12/10/2025

**CPSC ATTENDEE(S):** Andy Newens (ESMC), Daniel Taxier (ESMC) **NON-CPSC ATTENDEE(S):** Contact ASTM for the full attendee list

## **Summary of Meeting:**

The F08.63 Artificial Turf for Playground Surfacing Task Group met to discuss a work item (WK93750) being developed as a standard guide for the specification, purchase, installation, and maintenance of artificial turf for playground surfacing. The group walked through the draft document to discuss any comments on the proposed scope, definitions, and requirements of the referenced standards and tests. The proposed language had a discussion of publicly circulated toxicity concerns from recent years, although the task group chair mentioned that many of the concerns have already been addressed and mitigated by the turf industry. CPSC staff suggested including information in the draft standard to explain how those concerns have been addressed by industry. The group agreed to add some references to more information that can be found through external sources, such as the Synthetic Turf Council. CPSC staff also recommended that the diagrams included in the draft be clearly labeled as "examples," so that they would not be understood by readers as required specifications. The task group agreed.

## **Next Steps:**

The task group chair will provide the members with an updated draft guide based on today's comments. Some task group members from the turf and playground industries have agreed to continue reviewing the document for revisions. CPSC staff will continue participating in the F08.63 Artificial Turf for Playground Surfacing Task Group. The next task group meeting will be held in early 2026.