

The Outdoor Equipment Checklist

One of the most critical steps to be taken when you have a PFA installation is to conduct “inspections” as part of an on-going maintenance program. This can be accomplished through a monthly program conducted by the custodian, the maintenance and operations department or even a Physical Education instructor.

Here are some items that should be addressed:

1. Check all attaching clamps for tightness. No vertical or horizontal movement should be present.
 - a. All four clamps on the horizontal ladder.
 - b. All six clamps on the three horizontal bars.
 - c. All four clamps on the parallel bars.
2. Check upper and lower attaching chains on the pole climb for link wear. If a link is worn more than half-way through then replace the entire chain.
3. Check all concrete footings on all poles that support apparatus. A gentle shaking of the pole should produce no large movements of the pole.
4. Check all three horizontal bars for stability of the bars. The bars should not rotate when grasped.
5. Be certain to check the depth of all loose-fill surfacing material. A minimum of 12” should be present at all times. Remember, overfill is a good thing!
6. Keep records indicating the dates that your inspection was done and who it was done by.