Playground Inspection Monthly Checklist Interlake School Division

Hazard Ranking Classification

- **Class "A" Hazard: A condition or practice with the potential for permanent disability, loss of life or body part, and/or extensive loss of structure, equipment or material. Corrective action should be immediate**
- **Class "B" Hazard: A condition or practice with the potential for serious injury or illness (resulting in serious or temporary disability) or property damage that is disruptive but less so than Class "A". Corrective action should be completed within 15 days**
- **Class "C" Hazard: A condition or practice with the potential for injury of illness, or disruptive (non-disabling) property damage. Corrective action should be completed within 30 days**

General Conditions	Compliant ✓ (YES)	Non-Comp ✓ (NO)	Priority Rating A, B or C	Comments
1. **Debris, broken glass**- Check entire play area for debris, broken glass and animal excrement. Rake to loosen sand in sandboxes. Check sandboxes for glass, animal excrement, etc.				
2. **Surfacing**- Check for equipment that does not have adequate protective surfacing under and around it and for surfacing materials that have deteriorated or that have been displaced. Special attention to heavy use areas such as under swings and slide exit regions.				
3. **Landscaping-**Sweep all hard surfaces, prune all trees (7 feet) and shrubs. Empty all trash receptacles.				
4. **Lighting and signs-** Check for any visible damage. Replace or have repainted any weathered or damaged signage. Replace broken or damaged lights.				
5. **Fencing-** Check for any visible damage, Check for protruding points and hardware (bolts, nuts, etc.)				
6. **Wooden borders, benches-** Check for and remove splinters. Check for decaying wood. Check wood for any excessive cracks, welds on seating, insecure fittings. Check the condition of paint or stain. Look for vandalism.				

General Equipment Checks	Compliant ✓ (YES)	Comp ✓ (NO)	Priority Rating A,B or C	Comments
7. **Chains-** Check for bent, worn, or open links; pinch points; rust; or any rough edges.				
8. **End center fittings-** Check that nuts and bolts, or clamps and fittings are secure. Check for sharp edged, cracked, or broken fittings.				
9. **Entrapment points/areas-** Ensure that all angles joining points or openings are less than 3.5 inches (88.90 mm) or more than 9.0 inches, (228.60 mm) to reduce the chance of head entrapment. Check for any crush or shear points that can cause injury. Remove any ropes strings attached to structures.				
10. **Grease fittings-** Lubricate moving parts as required. Wipe off excess grease.				
11. **Hand/safety railings, support bars/legs, steps, and fastening points-** Check for splitting, splinters, or protruding bolts, or nails. Check all welds, and check that all bolts and nuts are secure.				
12. **Handles-** Ensure that handles are securely fastened and not able to slide back and forth. Check welds and bolts etc. Ensure that there are no sharp points and no bending, warping, and unevenness. Check for missing protective caps.				
13. **Hanger bearings-** Check for worn or excessive play in bearings and bushings. Lubricate nuts and bolts. Grease fittings. Replace corroded bolts and rivets. Check that clamps are secure.				

14. **Locking devices-** Check all locking devices, to ensure they are secure. Check all wood timbers for major cracking (i.e. cracking exceeding .75 in. or 19mm in width).				
15. **Pivot points**- Test pivot points for free movement. Check swivels and bearing points for wear. Check for loose, worn, rusted, and corroded hardware. Grease and lubricate properly. Remove excess lubricant.				
16. **Ropes-** Remove all ropes and skipping ropes tied to any equipment.				
17. **Seats-** Check rubber seats for wear, sharp edges or points, scorching, and burn damage. Ensure that safety bars on baby seats are intact and fixed.				
18. **S-hooks and other connectors-** Check for excessive wear. Dispose of damages or cracked S-hooks and other connectors. Check the connectors at both ends of suspending elements of swings to ensure that they are properly closed. Ensure that all connector points have .04 inch (1.0 mm) gaps. Never reuse connectors.				
19. **Sidewalls of slide bed ways-** Check for protruding bolts or rivet heads and missing or loose bolts, welds, and ensure that all are properly fastened and secure. Check for rust or corrosion, metal fatigue, and rough or sharp edges. Check for any crush or shear points that can cause injury.				
20. **Springs and bars-** Check for loose spring mounts. Replace broken springs. Check for instability in ground, tilting, and exposed concrete or fittings. Check for				

missing protective pieces. Ensure that hand support structures are in place and secure.				
21. **Stairs of slides-** Check all platform and steps for safety. Sweep as necessary. Check for any foreign objects on the slide bed way, and sweep as necessary. Check welds at all steel joints and all bolts at points of fastening.				
22. **Tilting-** Check units and components for signs of tilting and or/sinking. Check alignment of major support posts and beams, platforms, fireman poles, steps, etc.				
23. **Tires-** Check for wear and cracks. Ensure that all fastening points are secure. Check for exposed steel belts.				
24. **Tube slides-** Check for cracking and damage. Check for cracks, sharp edges, discoloration, scorching or burning, abrasion or wear. Ensure proper fastening top and bottom. Tighten bolts or replace them.				
25. **Stability in the ground-** Ensure that structures and not easily swayed and connections are solid and adequately secured				
26. **Ground clearance and surfacing below equipment-** Fill and depressions around equipment with proper material. Ensure that concrete footing, rocks, and roots are not exposed.				

Date_____ Signed _____

Reviewed by Safety Officer (please sign and date) _____