

## Meet the Instructor

John Balicki, CPRP, CPSI is a Recreation and Park Consultant with John Balicki and Associates, LLC, and has 35 years of parks and recreation management and consulting experience. He has developed and teaches the Playground Maintenance Course for the Pennsylvania Recreation & Park Society, served on the Executive Committee of the National Playground Safety Institute, and is a participating member of ASTM International subcommittee F15.29: Playground Equipment for Public Use.

## Who should attend?

- Administrators
- Supervisory Personnel
- Public Works Departments
- Building and Grounds Maintenance Staff
- Engineers
- Architects
- Playground Equipment Representatives
- Operators and Caretakers of Playgrounds in Parks, Schools, Summer Camps, Day Camps, Hotels/Resorts, and Day Care Centers
- Agencies such as YMCA/YWCA, Head Start, Boys & Girls Clubs, and Police Athletic Leagues
- Insurance Adjusters
- Loss Control Specialists
- Homebuilders

## Pricing

Registration includes resource materials, breaks, and lunch on days 1 and 2. Course materials will be forwarded upon receipt of payment.

Tuition - PRPS/NRPA Members	\$535
Tuition - Non-members	\$650
Exam - PRPS/NRPA Members	\$100
Exam - Non-members	\$125

Please see "Online Exam Option" section on reverse prior to registration.

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Pennsylvania Recreation & Park Society



Certified  
Playground  
Safety Inspector

# COURSE AND EXAM

(1.5 CEUs)



DECEMBER 2-4, 2014

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## Are Your Playgrounds Safe?

According to the Consumer Products Safety Commission, 200,000 children are treated annually for playground accidents. Of these, 70 percent, or 140,000, occurred at public parks and schoolyards.

## About the Course

Sponsored by the NRPA and hosted by the Pennsylvania Recreation & Park Society, this course is the most comprehensive training program on playground hazard identification and risk management methods offered. Advanced reading and ten hours of training will prepare you to sit for the Certified Playground Safety Inspector (CPSI) Exam, scheduled at the culmination of the certification course.

The CPSI Course trains individuals to identify hazards on public playgrounds and playground equipment, how to rank hazards according to injury potential, and how to apply that knowledge and establish a playground safety program.

The course covers the material necessary to pass the Certified Playground Safety Inspector certification exam.

Upon completion of the CPSI course an individual should be capable of establishing a sound risk reduction program, establish a system repair, retrofit, and removal of hazardous equipment, and establish a routine inspection system for their agency or playground owner-client.

Resource materials developed especially for this course are included in the registration fee and will be mailed to all participants who pre-register.

## What is Included?

- Resource Binder including:
  - ASTM F1487-07 Standard Consumer Safety Performance Specification of Playground for Public Use
  - US Consumer Product Safety Commission's Handbook for Public Playground Safety
- Directions to download playground inspection forms
- 1.5 Continuing Education Units (NRPA)
- Playground Inspection
- Lunch and refreshment breaks on days 1 and 2

## Course Schedule

Tuesday, December 2  
7:30 am - 8:00 am - Registration  
8:00 am - 12:00 pm - Class  
12:00 pm - 1:00 pm - Lunch  
1:00 pm - 5:00 pm - Class

Wednesday, December 3  
8:00 am - 12:00 pm - Class  
12:00 pm - 1:00 pm - Lunch  
1:00 pm - 5:00 pm - Playground Site Investigation

Thursday, December 4  
8:00 am - 9:00 am - Check-in  
9:00 am - 11:00 am - Exam

## Course Location

Sheraton Harrisburg-Hershey Hotel  
4650 Lindle Road  
Harrisburg, PA 17111

## Lodging

For reservations, call 1-800-325-3535 and identify yourself as part of the "PA Recreation & Park Society" room block. The group rate is \$109/night plus tax. Reservations must be made by 11/10/14 to receive this rate.

## Online Exam Option

The option to take the CPSI exam via computer-based testing is available through NRPA. To obtain additional information, please visit [www.nrpa.org](http://www.nrpa.org) under "CPSI." Please be advised if you register to take the examination at the course, you will not receive a refund to take your initial exam via computer-based testing at a later date. Please decide prior to registration if you would like to take the exam on day 3 of the course or via a computer-based exam at a later date.

**ADVANCE READING IS HIGHLY  
RECOMMENDED FOR THOSE  
INDIVIDUALS TAKING THE EXAM.  
ONE MONTH OF STUDY TIME PRIOR TO THE  
EXAM IS SUGGESTED.**

## General Information

### Registration Deadline

Please register at least 30 days prior to the course. NRPA does not recommend taking the exam without thoroughly reading the materials. In some cases, studying for the course in less than 3 weeks leads to exam failure. No walk-ins are allowed for the course or exam.

### Age and Education Requirement

Candidates sitting for the CPSI Certification examination must be 18 or older and have a high school degree or equivalent. Your legal identification will be verified upon entry into the examination site.

### Class size

The minimum course size is 40; the maximum is 80. Registration is on a first come, first served basis.

### Certification

The certification exam will be given on day 3. Certification is valid for 3 years and is renewable by exam. Those passing the exam will be added to a National Registry of Certified Playground Safety Inspectors.

### Special Accommodations

In order to properly accommodate all persons with disabilities it is recommended that all requests come in writing no less than 30 days prior to the course and exam. A request form is available online at [www.nrpa.org/cpsi](http://www.nrpa.org/cpsi). PRPS will work collaboratively with NRPA to ensure all approved accommodations are met.

English as a second language (ESL) candidates may request a time extension and/or the use of a strict translation dictionary. Candidates request forms/fees must be submitted to NRPA no less than 30 days prior to the exam. The request form is available online at [www.nrpa.org/CPSI](http://www.nrpa.org/CPSI). The course host will work collaboratively with NRPA to ensure all approved reasonable accommodations are met.

### Cancellation Policy

Cancellations made after shipment of course materials are subject to a \$250 fee. On or after November 7, 2014, an additional \$50 cancellation fee will apply. No refunds will be made for cancellations after November 12, 2014.

All cancellation requests must be made in writing to PRPS. For questions, please contact the PRPS Office at (814) 234-4272 or email [prpsinfo@prps.org](mailto:prpsinfo@prps.org).