

AAI TRAMPOLINE COURT INSPECTOR LEVEL 1 (TCI-1) CERTIFICATION COURSE

ABOUT THE COURSE

The curriculum for this course and the exam questions are based on ASTM F2970 and related core standards. The course includes reviewing sections of the standard and providing the attendee with the knowledge of how to navigate the standard and how to apply the standard to meet the requirements for inspections, patron education, manufacture design and modifications, owner/operator responsibilities, and more.

This course is designed for:

1. Individual owners/operators and managers/employees of trampoline courts who are tasked with inspecting and maintaining the trampoline courts.
2. Manufacturers of trampoline courts, and
3. Inspectors of trampoline courts. This can include, but is not limited to, insurance inspectors, commissioned inspectors, third-party consultants/inspectors, state inspectors, etc.

TAKING THE COURSE

Individuals taking the course, but **not** intending to sit for the exam, will receive an *AAI Certificate of Attendance* for seven (7) hours of instruction/class time.

Come prepared with a current printed copy of the ASTM F2970 *Standard Practice for Design, Manufacture, Installation, Operation, Maintenance, Inspection and Major Modification of Trampoline Courts* as this document is not provided at the program. You can obtain a copy from ASTM at <https://www.astm.org/Standards/F2970.htm>

Arrive on time. You must attend the full course to receive your *Certificate of Attendance* and to meet the requirement to take the *Trampoline Court Inspector Certification Level 1 Exam*.

No videotaping or photographs are allowed during the course. Anyone caught violating this rule will be asked to leave the room and no refunds will be provided.

LEVEL 1 (BASIC) TRAMPOLINE COURT INSPECTOR CERTIFICATE

This certification is a pre-requisite for Trampoline Court Inspector (TCI-2) Level 2 and (TCI-3) Level 3 Certificates. Certifications are valid for two (2) years following the exam date.

Issuance of a Trampoline Court Inspector Level 1 (TCI-1) certificate signifies that the holder has met certain requirements as set forth by the Amusement & Adventure Institute (AAI). AAI does not employ or supervise the certificate holder. Proper performance of the duties assigned to a certificate holder is the responsibility of the certificate holder and/or the certificate holders' employer.

If you intend to sit for the Trampoline Court Inspector Level 1 Exam, you must meet the following requirements:

1. Complete the Trampoline Court Inspector Level 1 Training Course
2. Have graduated high school or have obtained a GED, or the equivalent, **plus** one (1) year of full-time employment within the past three (3) years in the design, manufacture, maintenance, repair, operation, or inspection of amusement rides and devices
or,
Two (2) years of employment within the past three (3) years in the design, manufacture, maintenance, repair, operation, or inspection of amusement rides and devices.
3. Provide evidence of a minimum of 8 hours of AAI approved training in the past two (2) years. (Evidence may include a CEU certificate, attendance certificate, official transcript, or other evidence of completion approved by the AAI Education Committee shall be deemed sufficient to satisfy this requirement.)
4. Provide written verification from employer or qualified sponsor that all information provided on application is true and correct.
5. Applicant must possess the ability to read, write, and comprehend the English language.

Prior to taking the certification exam, the applicant must:

- ✓ Complete the attached application
- ✓ Pay the appropriate fees to AAI
- ✓ Sign the *User Agreement, Release and Waiver of Liability, Indemnification, and Assumption of Risk*, and
- ✓ Submit the required documentation providing evidence to demonstrate you meet the requirements.

Trampoline Court Inspector Level 1 Exam and Renewal Fees	
Examination and Certification Fee	\$ 249.00
IATP Member Examination and Certification Fee	\$ 199.00
Renewal Examination and Certification Fee	\$ 150.00
Certificate Replacement Fee	\$ 25.00
Certification Card Changes / Replacement Fee	\$ 25.00

DISCOUNT: IATP Members in good standing will receive a **\$ 50.00 Discount** off the initial Exam Fee.

Applicants can register online for the exam at www.aailearning.com and upload the required documentation prior to the exam date. Within 10 business days of receiving an application and supporting documentation, AAI will send an email confirming or denying applicant's eligibility status.

Incomplete/Denied Applications - Incomplete or denied applications and accompanying documentation will not be returned but will be kept on file in accordance with AAI's retention policy. Application fees will be returned minus a \$50 processing fee.

TAKING THE EXAM

- A. Arrive during the scheduled check-in period. Do not arrive late. You will not be allowed into the room if you arrive after the test has begun. You must have permission from the test proctor to leave the room during the examination. You will not be allowed additional time to make up for time used. Communication with other applicants or persons outside of the examination room is prohibited during the exam. No guests are permitted in the exam room.
- B. Come prepared with a current printed copy of the ASTM F2970 *Standard Practice for Design, Manufacture, Installation, Operation, Maintenance, Inspection and Major Modification of Trampoline Courts* as this document is not provided with the course.
- C. Applicants must report to the test location no later than 15 minutes prior to the posted start time of the exam. Applicants must present a government-issued photo ID (such as a valid driver's license, Government issued ID Card or Passport) with the applicant's name and photo on it. The name on the photo ID must match the name on the Confirmation letter.
- D. The examination shall be in writing and shall be proctored by a minimum of two members of the AAI Staff, Board of Directors, Education Committee, Certification Committee, or a minimum of two representatives of a third-party testing entity authorized by the AAI to proctor the examination. The proctors shall be present at all times during the examination.

ABOUT THE EXAM

- A. The examination has two components: An answer sheet and a testing booklet. Both must be returned to the test proctor at the completion of the exam or at the end of the exam period. Any notes, diagrams, calculations must be made in your test booklet.
- B. The test proctor cannot answer questions concerning the content of the examination. Listen carefully to the instructions given by the test proctor and read all directions in the examination book thoroughly.
- C. The test proctor may dismiss an applicant from the examination for any of the following reasons:
 - If an applicant does not have proper authorization to take the examination.
 - If an applicant does not have the application paperwork properly filled out and signed
 - If an applicant gives or receives assistance or is suspected of doing so.
 - If an applicant attempts to take the examination for another applicant.
 - If an applicant attempts to remove any test materials or notes.
 - If an applicant is abusive or creates a disturbance.
 - If an applicant is found in possession of a prohibited electronic device.
- D. All questions are multiple choice with three wrong answers and one right answer. Read each question completely before answering and remember to mark the best answer for each question.

- E. The examination shall consist of sixty (60) questions and have a one (1) hour time limit. You may wish to bring a simple watch to help pace yourself (electronic watches are not permitted). The test proctor will keep the official time and ensure that you are given the allotted time of one hour for the examination. The proctor will announce when there is 30, 15, 5 minutes remaining of the time allotted for testing.
- F. The examination shall be confined to questions based on the current version of ASTM International standard F2970, all documents referenced within F2970, any current service bulletins or safety alerts pertaining to Trampoline Courts and any written recommendations issued by the AAI.
- G. Applicants may elect to reference a clean, paper version of the current version of ASTM International Standard F2970, documents referenced within F2970, any current service bulletins or safety alerts pertaining to Trampoline Courts or any written recommendations issued by the AAI. A simple binder with tabs designating the document number or title shall be permitted. The text must be presented to the test proctor at the time of check-in. The texts of standards may not be altered in any way except to highlight passages with a highlighter. No additional notes may be written on the text sheets that are to be used. Applicants will not be allowed to share the texts of standards during the examination. The use of electronic versions is prohibited. ASTM Standards, referenced documents, service bulletins, etc. will not be provided.
- H. Applicants shall provide two (2) sharpened number two pencils for the examination. You will not be permitted to use ballpoint pens, felt tip markers or colored pencils. The possession or use of electronic devices including but not limited to cell phones, calculators, electronic watches, computers, cameras, pagers, recorders, or tablets is prohibited during the examination. Other items may be excluded at the discretion of the test proctor.
- I. The examination will only be given on dates and at locations deemed appropriate by the AAI Education Committee.
- J. The passing score reflects the amount of knowledge that the AAI has determined to be appropriate for certification. Your ability to pass the examination depends on the amount of knowledge that you display, not compared to other individuals take the test. A minimum score of 75% is required to pass the examination.
- K. Results of the examination shall be confidential and conveyed to applicants within sixty (60) days of the examination. Notification of results will indicate an applicants' overall percentage score and a PASS or FAIL. Results are available only to members of the AAI Staff, Board of Directors, Education Committee, Certification Committee, and the individual applicants.
- L. Applicants who fail the examination may be admitted to a future examination, provided they complete all current registration procedures and pay applicable fees. Applicants may not retake the examination within 180 days of the previously attempted exam. Unsuccessful applicants must pay an additional certification and examination fee.
- M. Applicants who have disabilities as defined by the American Disabilities Act that prevent participation in the standard examination process should inform the AAI in writing when they register to take the examination. Applicants with special needs must request accommodations in writing to the AAI no less than thirty (30) days prior to the examination date. When requesting accommodations please provide a brief written identification of the impairing condition and a request for specific adjustments to the usual examination process. This information will be shared only with the test proctor but be kept confidential otherwise.

- N. Successful applicants will be issued a Level 1 Trampoline Court Inspector (TCI-1) certificate of achievement by the AAI. A Level 1 Trampoline Court Inspector Certificate (TCI-1) is valid for two (2) years from the date of testing.
- O. The following is a list of training programs and forums that are recognized by AAI as approved for new applicants and certificate renewals:
- Amusement Industry Manufacturers Association (AIMS) Safety Seminar
 - National Association of Amusement Ride Safety Officials (NAARSO) Safety Seminar
 - Northwest Showmen’s Safety Seminar
 - Pennsylvania Amusement Ride Safety Seminar
 - International Association of Trampoline Courts (IATP) – Approved programming during Annual Conference
 - Amusement & Adventure Institute (AAI) – Approved training programs.

The AAI Education Committee may add additional training programs to the approved list.

Individuals who are submitting an application for AAI certification are encouraged to submit copies of any licenses, certificate degrees, and/or other documentation that will support the education and experience requirements noted on the application.

- P. The AAI Education Committee reserves the right to revoke or suspend an applicants’ certificate without cause by a 2/3 vote of the Education Committee members present at a regular or specially called certification committee meeting.
- Q. Cancellation / Fee Refund - We understand that there are occasional upsets in plans. The exam fee, less a \$50 cancellation fee, will be refunded if written notice is given to AAI at least two weeks prior to the date of the exam. No refunds will be given in the two weeks immediately prior to the date of the exam. Individuals will be allowed to attend a substitute exam within the calendar year without incurring a cancellation fee if they submit a written request to AAI prior to the actual day of the exam. A candidate who does not submit a written request by this deadline and does not sit for the exam forfeits all fees.

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"You" (the party using or relying upon this material) and we agree that you may access and use this material under the following terms:

1. **Assumption of Risk.** You agree to assume all risks, as well as responsibility for any loss, cost, damage, or injuries, from participating in this course and using the materials provided.
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6. **Legal Compliance.** Trampoline park operations have potential legal significance. Do not assume that the material provided in this course will satisfy any legal requirements. We have not independently validated this material. This material is intended to identify certain minimum practices. The operational program of any trampoline park should be developed with any advice needed from industry experts and legal counsel. We do not render legal advice or other professional services in this material, nor are we undertaking to perform any duty owed by another. You should rely on your own independent judgment or seek the advice of a competent professional to determine your actions under given circumstances or compliance with governing law. We do not urge non-compliance with applicable law. We do not have the power, nor do we try, to certify, determine, police, or enforce compliance with this material. Any claim of compliance with this course or material is not attributable to us.
7. **Warranties.** No representations are made as to this course material's completeness or accuracy, although to the best of our knowledge we have provided the most up-to-date and useful information. We hereby expressly exclude all warranties and disclaim any liability for any errors or omissions, the effectiveness of the material, or the consequences of using or relying on this material. No assurances are offered that implementing this material will eliminate any hazard or exposure to loss or injury. You should verify that any authority mentioned in this course or materials remains in effect and has not been overruled, modified, or amended, as well as whether the material complies with your local laws. We anticipate that the materials will be periodically revised, and you may determine currency by consulting our appropriate publications, visiting our website, or contacting us. Comments or suggestions to improve the material should be sent to Amusement and Adventure Institute, 116 Morrow Lane, Lavon, TX 75166 or

emailed to info@aailearning.com.

- Variation in Operation.** Some trampoline parks may not conform to this material. The nature of trampoline parks is such that there are no exact duplicates in the industry. This unique nature of every operation requires that a range of flexibility be considered. It is the responsibility of the owner to make provisions as needed to ensure optimal safety, and the user is responsible to judge the suitability of this material for a particular purpose.

I have read this release and indemnity agreement and I understand and have fully informed myself of its contents before I have signed and agreed to it.

Name of Applicant (Printed)

Signature of Applicant

Date

Signature of Employer or Qualified Sponsor

Date