

ADMINISTRATIVE REGULATIONS

TITLE: INFLATABLE AMUSEMENT DEVICES (BOUNCY CASTLES)
CATEGORY: FACILITIES
NUMBER: 4075

I. Rationale

This regulation establishes requirements for the safe use of inflatable amusement devices (“Inflatables”) such as bouncy castles, slides, and obstacle courses on school district property or at district-sponsored events. The purpose is to prevent injury, ensure compliance with applicable safety standards, and protect the School District through appropriate insurance and contractual arrangements.

This regulation applies to all Inflatables and similar amusement devices, including but not limited to bouncy castles, slides, obstacle courses, and other temporary recreational amusement equipment, whether used:

- On School District property;
- At district-sponsored events held off-site; or
- In connection with a facility rental on School District property.

II. Conditions for Use

For clarity, the operational, supervision, insurance, and contractual requirements set out in this regulation apply equally to school-sponsored events, PAC-organized events, community partner events, and external facility rentals. The following conditions must be met for all Inflatables used on district property:

- A. Use of an Inflatable on district property for a school-sanctioned event requires prior written approval from the site Principal.
- B. The Principal must confirm with the Secretary-Treasurer (or designate) that insurance and contractual requirements have been met before authorizing use.
- C. Use of any Inflatable or similar amusement device on School District property as part of a facility rental requires prior written approval of the Secretary-Treasurer (or designate). Such approval will only be granted where all

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operational, insurance, contractual, and safety requirements under this regulation have been satisfied.

- D. Inflatables must be commercial-grade and personally supplied Inflatables are not permitted.
- E. The Inflatable must be provided by a licensed vendor holding a valid operating permit.
- F. Installation and operation must follow the manufacturer's instructions, including appropriate anchoring, fall-zone padding, and capacity limits.
- G. The Inflatable material must be flame-resistant.
- H. Inflatables must be secured to the ground and located away from buildings, fences, or overhead hazards.
- I. Generators must be positioned to prevent carbon monoxide buildup, and electrical blowers must meet CSA standards with ground-fault protection.
- J. The Event Organizer must have a plan for evacuation in the event of power loss or deflation.
- K. Operation must stop if winds exceed manufacturer limits or if rain, lightning, or other unsafe conditions arise.

III. Supervision

- A. The Inflatable must be supervised at all times by an adult trained or briefed by the Vendor.
- B. Supervisors must ensure safe participant behaviour, prevent overcrowding, and stop operation in unsafe weather conditions (e.g., winds exceeding manufacturer limits).
- C. If volunteers assist in supervision, they must receive a safety briefing before their shift begins.
- D. Volunteers must be comfortable enforcing safety expectations for all children using the device.

IV. Contract and Insurance Requirements

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The vendor must:

- A. Provide a Certificate of Insurance confirming at least \$5,000,000 in liability coverage, with the School District named as an additional insured.
- B. Ensure that their insurance does not exclude losses arising from Inflatable use.
- C. Ensure that the contract does not transfer risk or liability for losses due to its own negligence to the School District or its employees, agents, volunteers or trustees.
- D. Enter into a written agreement that includes:
 - 1. A clause holding the School District harmless from any loss related to the Inflatable's ownership, maintenance, setup, operation, or transportation.
 - 2. Responsibility for setup, operation, and takedown of the Inflatable.
- E. All contracts must be reviewed by the Secretary-Treasurer or designate before approval.

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References: