



Managing Ride Operators and other Amusements at your Show

It is paramount that sound risk management practices are used by Show Societies to manage ride operators and other amusements. This is due to the insurance constraints being experienced by Ride Operators, and in particular the recent incident using inflatables at a school in Davenport, Tasmania.

Background

Ride Operators and other similar amusements, including all inflatables, are defined as Category B activities under your Public Liability programme. A Category B activity means that the activity is only insured if conducted by an Insured Third Party Provider, and you have sighted their current Certificate of Currency. By doing so, your Show is covered for Public Liability for any vicarious/indirect exposure should the Show, in some way, be found negligent in the management of such activities.

ASC's acceptance level of cover from Third Party providers

It is the ASC's expectation that the Third Party provider provide a Certificate of Currency with an insurance limit of no less than \$20M. If the provider does not have cover to \$20M then the Show must seek further guidance from the ASC before allowing the provider on the ground.

A valid Certificate of Currency

A valid Certificate of Currency is one that has all of the following:

- The policy period covers the date of your event
- The insurer is an APRA approved insurer
- The activity/occupation noted covers the activity which you are hiring the provider for
- The insured name is the same as the provider offering their services

General Risk Management

Given the high risk nature of these activities, the following minimum risk management requirements must be undertaken

- Shows to prepare a risk assessment for the rides and inflatables component of the Show. Please refer to the risk management template on ASC's website under Insurance Documents in the "Members" section.
- Shows to verify that all rides are registered with the relevant WHS authority and the operator has provided you with a current certificate of registration. The registration certificate confirms that the rides are currently certified by a qualified engineer.
- In relation to inflatables, appropriate risk management surrounding anchoring, wind gusts, matting, proper supervision and manufacturer's recommended usage is important. This responsibility ultimately rests with the inflatable operator however please ensure these aspects are managed carefully for compliance purposes.
- Shows to check ground stability and suitability for all relevant activities. A common sense approach is appropriate using general ground knowledge.
- Shows to ensure adequate crowd segregation including relevant protective barriers are in place for all activities
- Shows to ensure the activity meets Council or Crown lands requirements. Shows should make their own enquiries

These events are high risk events and sound risk management in this regard will continue to protect your public liability programme from potential claims. We appreciate your support in this regard.

Please contact the ASC via asc.admin@ascofnsw.org.au should you require further assistance.