

Inflatable Device Decision Tree Re: O.Reg. 221/01

This is intended to help determine if your **inflated** device is exempt from regulation or requires a permit to operate in the province of Ontario.

“air supported structure” means a structure that incorporates a structural and mechanical system and uses a high-strength fabric or film that achieves its strength, shape, and stability by pre-tensioning with **internal AIR PRESSURE**.

BEGIN

Is the device an 'air supported' structure?

NO

This decision tree does not apply.

YES

Does the function and use of the air supported structure also meet the definition of an amusement device?

NONE ARE TRUE

Air supported structures that do not meet this definition are not regulated under 221/01.

YES, or I AM NOT SURE

Is this air supported structure on the list of specific exemptions?

YES

This device is exempt from regulation.

NO, NOT IN THIS LIST

Your inflatable device is likely an amusement device and by law, requires a permit to operate.

Begin licensing process or contact TSSA to confirm.

If your device is not specifically exempted, and you are still not sure if it meets the definition of an amusement device, contact the TSSA for clarification.

Examples of exempted and licensed devices are provided in the next two pages.

A. Pads or mattresses that are used **solely** as a cushion to soften a fall. The surfaces are not intended to be used as part of the play surface, and therefore does not move the patron while performing the activity. Patrons may stand on the surface but the surface is not intended to be jumped or played upon.

B. Concession-style games where patrons interact with the device from the adjacent ground but do not play inside the device. Examples: Pitching tents, football throws, golf swings

C. Oversized inflatable board games such as chess, checkers or twister

D. Mazes, tents, houses, or similar walk-through type devices **without an inflated floor**.

E. Boundary fences for sporting events, miniature go-karts or tricycles, **without an inflated floor**

Amusement Devices
Ontario Regulation 221/01



Amended Amusement
Devices Regulation
Effective January 1, 2009



Elevating Devices:
Ontario Regulation 209/01



Contact TSSA:



To begin licensing
process,
Start here:



EXAMPLES OF LICENSED DEVICES



Bungee cords used



Any inflatable that utilizes a bungee cord: above, the bungee run or bungee bull meet the definition of an amusement device as is therefore **not** exempt.

Similarly, boxing rings and the soccer kick are **not** exempt because interacting and/or bouncing on the inflated floor is part of its intended use.

The dragon crawl-through may not have an inflated floor, but it has an internal slide is is therefore not exempt. The rock climbing walls in these examples have obstacle course and/or slide components and are not exempt.

EXAMPLES OF EXEMPTED DEVICES



Putting Game
Concession Style



Inflated perimeter
without floor



Jousts are not created equal and only some styles are exempt. The act of jousting does not automatically exempt the device. One must consider whether the inflated floor is a play surface or fall protection. Jousts where patrons stand on pedestals are generally exempt for this reason. Boxing rings, on the other hand are intended to allow bouncing.

Non-inflated rock climbing walls are exempt from regulation. **Most** inflatable rock climbing walls are also exempt. The example given is exempt because the rock wall is not integrated with an obstacle course or bouncer. The inflated floor is not a bounce or play surface. Rock walls that are a part of a larger device with a bouncing surface or slide are not exempt.

The sporting arena is exempt because the players are on grass, and the structure consists only of inflated walls used as a boundary. The ladder climb is exempt because the person is moving forward via their own muscular power. The intention is that the imbalanced ladder will tip and they will fall. The inflated cushion beneath is only intended to soften their landing. If an Operator decided to remove the ladder and use the device as a simple bouncer, the exemption would no longer apply.