



## Municipality of Anchorage Parks & Recreation Inflatable Play Equipment Policy



The Municipality of Anchorage has adopted a policy governing the use of inflatable play equipment (e.g. bounce houses, obstacle courses or similar items) for events taking place in Municipal Parks and Facilities. This policy is designed to maintain safe parks and recreational opportunities, while at the same time recognizing that certain recreational activities carry a greater risk of injury than others. Accordingly, a User of a Municipal Park or Facility who wishes to include inflatable play equipment as a part of his/her activity or event shall be subject to the associated Municipal Parks policy and shall sign this addendum, which sets forth the policy in detail.

**Inflatable play equipment is structure relying on a continuous supply of air to maintain its shape on or in which users may play, bounce, and/or slide. Examples are Flat-bed (4 side open), Castle (3 walled sides, 1 open side), A-frame inflatable (3 walled sides, 1 open side), Bounce/Slide Combination, Multi-play center, Obstacle Course, Inflatable slide, Enclosed inflatable, Soft Mountain, Bounce House.**

**Terms and Conditions:** Use of an inflatable play equipment in the Municipality's Parks and Facilities requires the User to agree to the following terms and conditions:

1. User shall first submit a Facility Special Event Permit, Reservation Application or a Park Rental Request and applicable fees for the use of a city park or facility.
2. Users must indicate on the applicable form that **inflatable play equipment** will be part of the reservation. A detailed description of type and size of the inflatable play equipment will need to be provided.
3. The inflatable play equipment must be rented only from an approved **INFLATABLE RENTAL COMPANY** on the Municipality's **PREFERRED VENDOR LIST** that has a current, non-delinquent, Municipality of Anchorage Business License and meets the Municipality of Anchorage Insurance Liability Coverage requirements. **Companies NOT on the PREFERRED VENDOR LIST are not allowed to setup inflatable play equipment on any Municipal Park or Public Facility;**
4. A privately owned, non-commercial inflatable play equipment is prohibited;
5. Inflatable play equipment that is, or has, a water feature (e.g. water slide) is prohibited;
6. Inflatable play equipment must be free standing and weighted. **Stakes are prohibited in Municipal parks unless approved as a special condition of a Special Use Permit.** Inflatable play equipment cannot be tied or tethered to trees, tables or other park amenities.
7. **Indoor Use** - Bounce Houses that are set up inside must have a protective tarp set underneath to prevent scratching of gym floors. Bounce Houses must be placed a minimum 4 feet away from any wall or objects and should have an open space around all sides of the equipment. If the bounce house is set up on a hard surface in a room, protective padding such as a mat should be placed around the entrance/exit of the bounce house. Vendor will need to provide any, protective padding. These guidelines are provided as an additional minimum and users should refer to manufacturer's recommendations for appropriate clearances when available.
8. The inflatable play equipment must be set up and removed only by trained and qualified employees or agents of the inflatable play equipment company in compliance with manufacturer's specifications; **a trained and qualified employee or agent of the equipment company must be present to operate and monitor Inflatable Play Equipment at all times while set up.**
9. Inflatable play equipment users must comply with the manufacturer's operating procedures and provide adequate and appropriate adult supervision so that the use is in compliance with the manufacturer's recommendations and reflects a safe level of operation.

10. **NO VEHICLES ARE ALLOWED IN CITY PARKS, ON TURF, OR ON WALKWAYS UNLESS APPROVED AS PART OF A SPECIAL USE PERMIT.** Users, providers, and participants of the inflatable play equipment are jointly and severally responsible for all damage caused by their use of the inflatable apparatus in any Municipal park or public facility. Damage to Municipal property, turf, irrigation components, etc., may result in additional liability to the User and result in additional fees or fines to be paid to the Municipality of Anchorage.
11. The inflatable play equipment is **NOT ALLOWED** to remain in-place overnight;
12. Users shall follow all state, federal, and local laws and ordinances, including all applicable ordinances of the Municipality of Anchorage.
13. User and inflatable play equipment rental company agree to jointly and severally indemnify, protect, defend, save and hold harmless the City, its officers, employees, agents, and volunteers from and against any and all liability, claims, suits, and causes of action for death or injury to persons, or damage to property, resulting from intentional or negligent acts, errors, or omissions of user and/or the inflatable play equipment rental company arising out of the setup, use, or operation of the inflatable apparatus, or from any violation of any federal, state, or municipal law or ordinance, to the extent caused, in whole or in part, by the willful misconduct, negligent acts, or omissions of user and/or the inflatable apparatus rental company which occurs related to the setup, use, or operation of the inflatable apparatus.
14. **THE CITY IS NOT RESPONSIBLE OR LIABLE FOR ANY DAMAGE TO THE INFLATABLE PLAY EQUIPMENT OR INJURY TO USERS OF THE INFLATABLE APPARATUS.**
15. Inflatable play equipment may only be permitted in the following areas. They are prohibited in all other areas and parks not listed.
  - a. Anchorage - Kincaid Park, Spenard Community Recreation Center, Fairview Community Recreation Center, Cuddy Family Midtown Park, Delaney Park Strip.
  - b. Eagle River - Eagle River Town Square/Commons Park, Schroeder Park, Loretta French Sports Complex, Russell Oberg Soccer Fields, Peters Creek Park, Harry J. McDonald Memorial Center.
  - c. Girdwood - Forest Fair Park.

I agree to the terms set forth above for the use of an inflatable play equipment in any Municipality of Anchorage park and public facility. I represent that I am authorized to bind the users and participants to the above enumerated conditions of use for an inflatable apparatus.

**USER**

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User Name (print)

\_\_\_\_\_  
User Address (print)

\_\_\_\_\_  
User Signature

\_\_\_\_\_  
Submittal Date

**INFLATABLE PLAY EQUIPMENT RENTAL COMPANY**

\_\_\_\_\_  
Company Name (print)

\_\_\_\_\_  
Company Telephone Number

**Municipality of Anchorage AUTHORIZATION AND APPROVAL OF USE**

\_\_\_\_\_  
Municipal Representative Signature

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Approval Date