

# OKLAHOMA STATE FAIR

## AMUSEMENT RIDER ACCESS & SAFETY POLICY

### INTRODUCTION

The Oklahoma State Fair strives to provide a quality, fun, family event. To make each patron's visit as fun and safe as possible, the Fair has developed the Amusement Rider Access & Safety Policy using widely-recognized standards and Oklahoma Statute (O.S. § 460.4 Use of Amusement Rides by Riders) as guidelines. Oklahoma State Fair, Inc. and Wade Shows, Inc. reserves the right to change, amend or interpret these guidelines as needed without notice.

### AMUSEMENT RIDER RESPONSIBILITY

It is the policy of the Oklahoma State Fair to encourage patrons to take personal responsibility for choosing which amusement rides or attractions (hereinafter all referred to as "rides(s)") are appropriate for them. Patrons should review the general access and safety guidelines posted at the entrance to each ride; however, not all individual, potential rider scenarios are able to be posted at each ride. Therefore, patrons should observe the ride through at least one cycle of operation to become familiar with the motion and dynamics of that particular ride.

Persons with conditions which could be aggravated by the specific dynamics of a ride are cautioned not to ride. Persons with conditions such as pregnancy or back, neck, stomach, heart or cardiovascular problems, degenerative bone disease, or other health conditions which could be aggravated by bumping or jarring are urged to use caution in choosing rides.

To help save time and/or provide an opportunity for those with concerns about which rides will be the most appropriate for a specific condition to visit one-on-one, the Fair encourages patrons to make their first stop in the carnival the Wade Shows Office. A personal visit of just a few short minutes can save a lot of time and potential frustration as opposed to going straight to the individual rides. Patrons can let the Fair and the Wade Shows Office know they are coming in advance by filling out a short appointment form if they so desire.

[Make Your Appointment Here](#)

### SAFETY RESTRICTIONS

The Fair expects ride operators to make every reasonable effort to assure that all guests are given an equal opportunity to enjoy the rides that make up the Fair. However, the Fair's first responsibility is to provide guests a safe experience.

Most rides have safety systems designed into them. Some systems place restrictions on who can safely experience a ride. Patrons with certain disabilities or physical attributes may not be able to be safely and properly seated or restrained, for example. See below for other general restrictions and guidelines.

1. The ride operator may deny access to people who:
  - a. may jeopardize their own or another's safety,
  - b. have a temporary condition which may affect their ability to safely experience the ride (e.g. a broken bone/cast),
  - c. will not obey the notices and regulations posted at the ride,
  - d. behave in an unruly fashion or
  - e. behave as if under the influence of alcohol or drugs.
2. Any person who wants to ride an amusement device must, for the duration of the ride, be able to:
  - a. sit or stand in an appropriate riding position,
  - b. keep their hands, arms, feet and legs inside the ride unit and
  - c. be properly secured by the safety devices provided and required.
3. A ride operator may deny access to people whose body build or structure (such as extreme obesity or height) will not permit the safe, effective and proper use of required safety restraints (seat belts, lap bars, harnesses, etc.).
4. A person who is sight impaired may ride, but certain rides may require the guest to have a responsible companion who can communicate knowledge of the ride's action.
5. Guests with service animals must have a companion stay with their service animal while they are experiencing a ride. Ride personnel are not required to care for nor be responsible for service animals.
6. All riders and companions must have a valid ticket(s) or armband to ride.