



## Rider Safety Guide 2019

**Welcome to Idlewild & Soak Zone**, America's Most Beautiful Amusement Park, providing thrills since 1878.

Our Ride Admission Policy has been developed with the help of a biodynamic engineer and the recommendations of the ride manufacturers. Our policy is based upon our past experience and our evaluation of each ride using our knowledge of the ride in both normal and emergency operating conditions. Our prime consideration is your ability to endure the dynamics of a ride without risk of injury to yourself, other riders or park team members.

In the event of a power failure, you may have to evacuate a ride from a position other than the loading station. We have considered this possibility in developing our ride admission policy.

This brochure contains information about the criteria required to safely ride. **If any of these conditions apply to you, please go directly to Guest Services located in Hootin' Holler behind the General Store.** An individual assessment will be done to determine the rides you can safely ride. This brief assessment will avoid any delays in boarding rides throughout the day.

SAFETY comes first at Idlewild & Soak Zone. We are committed to providing you a safe and memorable experience. If you have any questions, comments, or suggestions about this policy, please let us know by writing to the address below. Have a safe and enjoyable day.

### **BASIC INFORMATION**

**Each guest must have the ability to maintain riding posture and brace themselves throughout the course of the ride against potential forces created by the ride and/or other participants.**

GUESTS with conditions such as pregnancy, back, neck or bone problems, cardiovascular problems, high blood pressure, recent surgery or other health conditions which could be aggravated by bumping or jarring must exercise discretion in selecting rides.

**There is always a remote chance that a ride might need to be evacuated. Evacuations may be necessary due to such causes as a mechanical problem, weather conditions or power interruption. If an evacuation is required, you may be required to maneuver across catwalks sometimes from the highest point on the ride and walk down steeply inclined steps or catwalks. Idlewild team members are not trained to lift or carry Guests.**

Any GUEST who rides a ride must be able:

- to be seated properly in the required riding position
- to have hands, arms, feet and legs inside the ride unit
- to use all safety devices required in the operation of the ride.

Any GUEST whose size or build would affect the applicable safety restraints (seat belts, lap bars, harnesses, etc.) from functioning properly may not be permitted to ride.

For the purpose of this policy, a responsible person is one who physically and mentally meets all the requirements to ride the ride, is sixteen (16) years of age or older and exhibits the maturity generally expected from one 16 years of age or older. In the case of immediate family members, the age requirement for the responsible person may be waived at the sole discretion of Idlewild.

Most rider instructions are posted on the signs at the ride entrance and in some cases repeated in audio spiels. Please ask personnel for clarification of rider requirements or special instructions.

# CRITERIA

The evaluation of each ride, considered the following eleven criteria, which may be required to safely ride a certain ride.

## **1 Ability To Exhibit Independent Seated Postural Control Under The Dynamic Conditions Of The Ride.**

Explanation: The GUEST must have the body and spinal control to sit upright without the aid of other people or devices and be able to maintain proper riding posture even during bumping or other characteristic movements of the ride. Certain ride units such as a carousel horse require the ability to form a saddle posture with the GUEST'S thighs.

## **2 Appropriate Center Of Gravity.**

Explanation: The GUEST'S body must have the appropriate weight distribution for that ride.

## **3 Control Of Upper Torso Including Neck And Head.**

Explanation: The GUEST must have sufficient muscle control to support his head, neck and upper torso during the course of the ride, including the dynamic motion of the ride.

## **4 Ability To Hold On With One Functioning Arm.**

Explanation: A functioning arm is an upper extremity or prosthesis exhibiting good grip control and the ability to brace; and strong enough to allow the GUEST to maintain the proper riding position throughout the duration of the ride.

## **5 Ability To Hold On With Two Functioning Arms.**

Explanation: The ability to hold on with two functioning arms as defined above.

## **6 Ability To Brace Self With One Functioning Leg.**

Explanation: GUESTS must have one functioning leg to be used for bracing the body during the course of the ride. A functioning leg may be a natural leg or a prosthesis which can be used for bracing.

## **7 Ability To Brace Self With Two Functioning Legs.**

Explanation: GUESTS must have two functioning legs to be used for bracing the body during the course of the ride and maintaining balance when entering and exiting the ride. A functioning leg may be a natural leg or a prosthesis which can be used for bracing.

## **8 Minimum Of Two Functioning Extremities.**

Explanation: GUESTS must have a MINIMUM of two functioning extremities (two legs, two arms, or one arm and one leg) to brace themselves during the ride and assist in entering and exiting the ride unit.

## **9 Minimum Of Three Functioning Extremities.**

Explanation: GUESTS must have a MINIMUM of three functioning extremities (two legs and one arm OR two arms and one leg) to brace themselves (with tripod bracing) during the ride.

## **10 Ability To Enter/Exit The Ride Within Specified Parameters Without Endangering Self Or Others.**

Explanation: GUESTS must be able to enter and exit the ride without jeopardizing themselves or others and to assist with their own evacuation if necessary. This may include special arrangements such as entering through the exit or having someone in their party assist them in boarding. If a GUEST has to be lifted in and out of the ride unit, this must be done by a responsible person who is accustomed in doing this. For the safety of our GUESTS and our team members, our ride operators should not be expected to perform this function.

## **11 Mental Capacity To Be Aware Of Hazards To Self And Others, Or Of Failure To Ride In Prescribed Manner.**

Explanation: GUESTS must have sufficient awareness to understand the consequences of actions that may lead to injury to self and/or others.

**• In addition to the eleven physical and mental requirements defined previously, each ride was evaluated relative to specific temporary conditions which may prevent a guest from riding a certain ride. Specific conditions evaluated were:**

- > Cervical Collar Or Neck Brace
- > Broken Collar Bone
- > Full Arm Cast
- > Braced Arm Cast
- > Full Leg Cast
- > Bilateral Abduction Casts (Brace Between Legs)
- > The Suitability of Safely Carrying Hand-Held Infants On Each Ride.